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8th AWAODORI FESTIVAL

Tents, decorations, and advertisements are displayed in front of Kinpachi Restaurant in preparation for the 8th Awaodori Festival, which will kick off tonight. The festival will feature professional Awaodori dancers from Japan. Here, the beautifully decorated area welcomes a Korean family of four leaving Fiesta Resort and Spa toward Paseo de Marianas.

JAYSON CAMACHO

July release eyed for rebates

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REPORTER

The Department of Finance is working to release tax rebates in the Commonwealth well before the start of the school year in September.

Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson said the department expects to release the tax rebates in July.

She said the department is working to process the early release of the rebates, but if employees have an immediate need for funds, they can apply for a bank loan "against the rebate."

The official said the loan against the rebate can be applied at the Bank of Guam.



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FAA: Freedom Air has until April 22 to appeal air certificate's revocation

By DENNIS B. CHAN
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REPORTER

Freedom Air has until near the end of this month to appeal a planned revocation of its air carrier certificate.

If an order to revoke is issued, the Federal Aviation Ad-

ministration will have sealed the end of Freedom Air's operations in the CNMI.

The letter, an amended notice of proposed certification action, or NOPCA, lists the ways in which Freedom Air has failed to comply with FAA regulations.

FAA first issued the notice last year on May 22, 2014. This amended letter's most recent information appears to be from last December.

"Aviation Services vacated its principal base of operations on Dec. 31, 2014," reads the

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Rota DCCA chief is arrested

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REPORTER

Members of the CNMI Public Corruption and White Collar Crimes Task Force arrested yesterday Rota Department of

Community and Cultural Affairs resident director Josepha Barcina Manglona on corruption charges.

Sources disclosed that Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho issued the

arrest warrant and imposed a \$50,000 cash bail on the 53-year-old Manglona for theft, conspiracy to commit theft by unlawful taking or disposition, and removal of government property.

Task Force members are set to appear in court on April 22.

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CPA bonds get 'positive' ratings

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REPORTER

An international bond ratings agency has given Commonwealth Ports Authority airport bonds a B+. Meanwhile, CPA seaport bonds have been reaffirmed at "BB-", or "Stable" rating.

Fitch Ratings upgraded CPA's \$12 million of outstanding senior series 1998A airport revenue bonds from B- to B+.

CPA airport bonds have been revised from "Stable" to "Positive."

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Bill wants assets of convicted 'ice' peddlers to be forfeited

Sen. Sixto Igisomar (R-Saipan) is proposing a bill to allow the government to forfeit the assets of individuals convicted of supplying or distributing illegal drugs, particularly methamphetamine or "ice."

Igisomar said Senate Bill 19-33 seeks to introduce stricter deterrents against those wanting to sell and distribute "ice."

"We only need to look at the number of burglaries to see that 'ice' is becoming a big problem in the CNMI," Igisomar said.

The bill proposes to forfeit "assets, moneys, negotiable instruments, securities, or other things of value."

The forfeited funds will be

deposited in a Department of Corrections revolving account to be expended at the discretion of the attorney general and the Department of Public Safety commissioner.

Earlier, a bill sought to allocate \$300,000 to the DPS and the Department of Finance to supplement the drug enforcement efforts of the two agencies.

House Bill 19-48, introduced by Rep. Edwin K. Propst (Ind-Saipan), proposes that the additional funds come from the Commonwealth Alien Deportation Fund, created under Public Law 10-01.

H.B. 19-48 was recently introduced during a House session on Rota last week.

Propst earlier said the use of crystal methamphetamine or "ice" continues to be a growing problem in the CNMI, reaching "epidemic proportions within our villages and borders."

According to Propst's proposed bill, \$200,000 will be allocated to the Special Operations Section (narcotics unit) of the Commonwealth Bureau of Investigation, a sub-agency under the DPS.

The proposed fund is expected to be used for intelligence operations such as confidential informant services, evidence, and information, as well as technical equipment, including field drug identification kits. (Joel D. Pinaroc)

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

Navy training at Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on April 21-22, from noon to 8pm.

The general public, especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators, are advised to stay clear of the ar-

eas during the dates and times indicated.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprised of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exer-

cises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. W-517 is contained within the following coordinates: 13° 10'N/144° 30'E, 13° 10'N/144° 42'E, 12° 50'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/144° 45'E, 11° 00'N/143° 00'E, 11° 45'N/143° 00'E, 12° 50'N/144° 30'E. (PR)



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Guerrero takes oath as Corrections commissioner

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Robert A. Guerrero was sworn in yesterday as Department of Corrections commissioner.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos administered the oath of office for Guerrero at DOC's conference room in Susupe.

Lt. Gov. Ralph DLG. Torres, Attorney General Edward Manibusan, Cabinet members, lawmakers, community leaders, and Guerrero's family and relatives witnessed the brief ceremony.

» DOC chief says foremost plan is to hire counselor for inmates, officers

In an interview, Guerrero said among his priorities is to bring in a counselor for inmates as well as for the corrections officers. Once the counselor is on board within a couple of weeks, he said he would establish a counseling program for the inmates and officers.

Guerrero said the counselor would help assess and determine the specific rehabilitation needs of inmates since there are different kinds of rehabilitation.

Although DOC is no longer under a consent decree, Guer-

ro said he plans to continue following it, making sure the operation of the state's prisons is in accordance with the consent decree.

The consent decree was entered by the U.S. Department of Justice and the CNMI in 1999. Its aim was to improve the conditions of the CNMI's detention institutions that were deemed to violate the civil rights of those detained at the facilities, and to safeguard against future violations.

The 15-year-old consent decree was terminated in May 2014.

Inos told reporters yesterday he would like Guerrero to maintain the conditions of the consent decree and make sure it's being followed.

"We don't have to go back to the same routine before. [We want to] continue with the progress to make sure that this facility is kept according to standards," Inos said.

The governor said he wants to make sure that inmates are taken cared of and for Guerrero to maintain the kind of management style initiated by the previous administration and his predecessor.

The Senate confirmed Guerrero's nomination as DOC com-

missioner last Friday.

Guerrero used to serve as Commonwealth Election Commission executive director. He succeeded Corrections commissioner Ramon Mafnas, who is now special assistant for projects for the government.

Meanwhile, Inos and Torres also issued yesterday a proclamation declaring May 3 to 9 as CNMI Correctional Officers' Week.

"We recognize the contributions made and honor the

work of Correctional officers. We call upon all citizens to pay special tribute to these men and women who serve the CNMI faithfully over the years," the governor said.



FERDIE DE LA TORRE

Robert A. Guerrero takes his oath of office as Department of Corrections commissioner before Gov. Eloy S. Inos yesterday at DOC's conference room.

Kilili back to work this week

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REPORTER

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) is expected to report to work this week, more than two months after he underwent a delicate spine surgery.



Sablan

his spine.

Dr. Anthony Caputy, who led the surgical team, described the three-hour operation as "completely normal and according to expectation."

An extended period of home recovery with limited activity followed before he began physical therapy to restore a full range of mobility.

Sablan filed for a leave of absence on Feb. 20, citing the need for the surgery on his back.

Sablan earlier said that shuttling back and forth between the Commonwealth and Washington, D.C., in the last six years took a heavy toll on his back.

Sablan just recently began his fourth term as the CNMI nonvoting representative to the 114th House of Representatives.

Recovery from this type of back surgery requires a program of physical therapy to regain full function. Mr. Sablan will be beginning the physical therapy this month and that may continue for some time," he added.

On March 4, Sablan underwent successful surgery at the George Washington University Hospital to alleviate pressure on

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'This is my IT&E Commercial' contest winners

On March 9, IT&E launched its first ever "This is My IT&E TV Commercial" contest. Anyone from the community had the opportunity to submit a video featur-

ing how IT&E products and services play a role in their everyday life, whether it be work emails, video streaming, local calls, research, selfies, social media, net-

working, etc. Videos were due by 5pm Friday, April 10, 2015.

IT&E Sales & Marketing manager Hans W. Mickelson said he was overwhelmed by

the talent shown in all the commercials that were reviewed. "It was definitely difficult to choose the best three commercials amongst the many that

we received over the five-week promotion period."

IT&E plans to feature these videos in other ongoing promotions throughout the year.

By popular demand and a great feedback from the community, This is My IT&E TV Commercial Contest will become an annual event. (IT&E)



From left: Veronica Acosta, IT&E product manager; John Ulrich, first place winner; and Rob Harrell, IT&E executive director of Customer Operations.

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From left: Veronica Acosta, IT&E product manager; Shaun Acopiado and Angela Cruz, second place winner; and Rob Harrell, IT&E executive director of Customer Operations.

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From left: Veronica Acosta, IT&E product manager; Antonio Tiples, third place winner; and Rob Harrell, IT&E executive director of Customer Operations.

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thank them for the work they have done," Torres said, adding that the government looks to make the division income generating.

He asked the community to be

patient regarding the release of the rebates and child tax, which he said the division is working on to release on time or even earlier.

Tax day

Finance's Collection and Remittance Branch, meanwhile, reported that the filing of taxes yesterday "went as expected."

The division is under the Department of Finance.

According to Richard Flores Santos, branch manager of the division's Collection and Remittance Branch, the collections are expected to be almost the same as the last year.

He noted that there are no actual figures on the collections

yet, but in terms of projection, the collections are seen to be higher next year with the influx of more workers in the CNMI.

"We are seeing a number of developments in the CNMI. If all these potential workers file their taxes here, then we might see an increase in our collections," he said.

Fitch noted an increase in port imports. Total tonnage grew a little over 20 percent to 427,539 metric tons.

This increase was mainly driven by other commodities increase that stem from an improving economy.

This tonnage level represents the "largest since recessionary recover began in 2010, but is still only half of activity seen over a decade ago."

Seaport revenue used to rely on the islands' garment industry, which shut down in 2005 in the face of increasing competition from other large-scale economic stresses.

CPA

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Fitch said this upgrade reflects the "steady improvement in the airport's operating profile." This has resulted in high coverage, increased liquidity, and low leverage, says Fitch. And is "notably stronger" than CPA's "distressed financial profile" that began in 2006.

"The airport's ability to apply full [passenger facility charge] collections as revenues has helped contribute to a substantial reserve buildup and provides a critical buffer in

the case of a future significant economic downturn," explains Fitch Ratings.

In addition, Fitch says that low traffic rebounded significantly in fiscal year 2012 and now appears to have stabilized.

A "positive" rating reflects adequate financial stability independent of traffic performance. It also reflects, among others, continued improvements in the underlying service area economy and the airport's ability to maintain and grow its current traffic base.

Seaport

For the seaport, the "BB-" rat-

ing affirms the approximately \$29.2 million of outstanding CPA senior series 1998A and 2005A seaport revenue bonds as "stable."

Fitch explains that this rating reflects "the essentiality of the ports to a small, island economy amidst high exposure to economic volatility from tourism and a nearly 100-percent import-based cargo operation."

Fitch says the port's moderate coverage, increasing liquidity, and small capital plan provide some mitigation to the potential impact of future large-scale economic stresses.

FAA

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FAA letter. A certificate holder must maintain a base of operations, according to FAA.

The FAA's public affairs officer, Ian McGregor, said this letter was sent to the airline company recently.

"We have not received a formal appeal from the company. My understanding is they have until April 22 to appeal," he told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Saipan Tribune tried but failed to reach Freedom Air general manager Joaquin L. Flores, Jr., yesterday. He lives in Guam.

In its letter, the FAA lists how Freedom Air has not had a director of operations or qualified

chief pilot since January 2014. The airline also filed for bankruptcy on Sept. 27, 2013, the FAA notes. A Guam court dismissed this last year.

The FAA notes that Freedom Air's aircraft liability insurance was terminated on March 9, 2014. They also have "not held appropriate economic authority from the Department of Transportation" to operate as a direct air carrier since that time.

The FAA found that the airline failed to turn in within 30 days its certification after operations ended, and as a certificate holder, have failed to retain qualified personnel.

FAA described another handful of violations that can be assumed de facto as operations and a base of operations have ceased.

ROTA

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to transport Manglona to the Department of Corrections today, Friday.

Sources said Manglona was still at the Rota Department of Public Safety holding cell as of last night because the flight for Saipan was fully booked.

Manglona's flight to Saipan will be late afternoon today, Friday, sources said.

Sources said the charges stemmed from 2013 when Manglona was the director of the Rota Aging Center, where she allegedly took a table worth \$1,000 from the center and traded it with another person for cinder blocks to build her kitchen.

The table was reportedly donated by a then-Rota senator to the Aging Center.

The Office of the Public Auditor with the assistance of the Department of Public Safety conducted the investigation.

Last week, Task Force arrested former Rota Finance resident director StaceyAnn Manglona Atalig, Tina M. Atalig, Alred M. Apatang, Rowena Barcina, and Andrew Barcina on corruption charges.

Tina Atalig is former secretary of then-Rota mayor A. Melchor Mendiola, while Apatang is the former field supervisor of then-mayor Mendiola. Rowena Barcina is a Rota Procurement officer, while Andrew Barcina is her husband, a retired police officer.

As of yesterday, an arrest warrant has not been served yet on former mayor Mendiola, who is also facing corruption charges. He is reportedly in the U.S. mainland right now.

Kilili bill backs indigenous fishing, puts fees in NMI treasury

WASHINGTON, D.C.—Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan introduced legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives yesterday fine-tuning national fisheries policies. Sablan's Fishing Economy Improvement Act proposes a greater role for indigenous people in the management of fisheries and provides for certain fishing fees to go directly into the Commonwealth treasury. His bill also reauthorizes the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which is generally credited with making America's fishing industry, and the fish stocks upon which the industry depends, more sustainable.

Sablan has been working on drafting the legislation since last year and used the time as he recovered from back surgery over the last six weeks to complete work on the 15 separate sections of policy contained in the bill.

In his introductory statement yesterday, Sablan recalled the hours of testimony that he has listened to in the House Natural Resources Committee over the last two years regarding reauthorization of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. "That experience made clear that there are a number of areas where there could be bipartisan agreement on improvements [to the Act]," Sablan said.

One of those areas of bipartisan agreement has to do with ensuring that Pacific Islander, Native Alaskan, and Native American subsistence fishing interests are represented on the eight regional fishery management councils created by the Magnuson Act.

"The people of the Northern Mariana Islands...have a tradition of livelihood from the sea that goes back for millennia and continues to this day," said Sablan. "These island fishermen and women should have a seat on the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, right beside the industrial users—as should Native Alaska and Native American subsistence users on other regional councils."

Sablan also wants islanders to have a more official role in the international organization that is responsible for managing and conserving tuna and other highly migratory fish in the Pacific. His bill requires that one of the five U.S. seats on the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission always be held by a resident of American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands. The seat would rotate among the three island jurisdictions.

Fishing fees for the Northern Marianas

In addition to a greater voice in management for traditional fishing interests, Sablan's bill

provides for direct payment of fishing fees to island governments. "When the rights to fish around the Northern Mariana Islands are sold, the fees should go directly to the government of the Northern Mariana Islands," Sablan said.

"Right now, some of those fees go to WestPac, the federal regional council, and WestPac has to use the funds for marine conservation. I am not opposed to conservation. We cannot have a strong fishing economy unless we manage stocks sustainably and maintain the overall health of the oceans."

"But revenues from Northern Marianas resources belong to the people of the is-

lands. Their own government should decide the best use for those funds—not WestPac, a federal agency. My bill helps ensure that revenues from fishing around the U.S. Pacific islands, such as the Northern Marianas, go to the people of those islands."

Sablan identified his island culture as influencing other aspects of the Fishing Economy Improvement Act. "The people of the Pacific islands have a deep cultural tradition of decision-making by consensus. In that spirit I ask that Members on both sides of the aisle consider whether there are areas of fishery management where we can find com-

mon ground.

"For instance, the Fishing Economy Improvement Act proposes that we improve fisheries data collection through the use of electronic monitoring and that we overhaul the way that the federal government manages this data so that we get the most value from it."

Sablan's bill also increases opportunities for public participation in the fishery management process by requiring widely accepted, modern-day practices such as live, online broadcasting of fishery council meetings. And the bill allows for data collected by states from recreational fish-

ing to be incorporated into federal assessments of the health of fish stocks.

"These are all ideas that find wide agreement on both sides of the aisle and could further improve the effectiveness of the Magnuson-Stevens conservation and management practices we already have in place," according to the Northern Marianas congressman.

Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska) has also introduced legislation, reauthorizing the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, which could be marked up by the House Natural Resources Committee as early as this month. (Office of the Delegate)

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Visitor arrivals continue to rise, up 5 pct. in March

Visitor arrivals to the Northern Mariana Islands continue to rise in March, up 5 percent compared to the same month last year. According to the Marianas Visitors Authority, arrivals to the islands of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota registered 42,539 visitors in March 2015, compared to 40,613 visitors received in March 2014.

Arrivals from Korea soared 40 percent to 14,989 visitors. Jeju Air launched an additional daily flight to Saipan from Incheon beginning March 29 using a Boeing 737-800 with 186 seats, bringing an additional 67,890 annual seats to the NMI and ensuring extremely rapid growth in Korean arrivals for the rest of the year. Jeju

Air also opened its FIT lounge in Garapan on March 25, providing various services for the rapidly growing number of FIT passengers that it carries.

Arrivals from China also soared 31 percent in March to 16,246 visitors. To stimulate soft market demand after the Chinese New Year in February, the MVA launched a variety of outdoor advertising campaigns in Shanghai, Guangzhou, and Chengdu in support of China charter flights. The MVA also joined with Tinian Dynasty Holiday and Century Tours to host a series of promotional events in second-tier cities of China to promote the tourism resources of Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

With a 51-percent decrease in air seat supply from Japan to the NMI in March, arrivals from Japan fell 34 percent to 8,808 visitors. Seasonal suspension by Asiana Airlines' of its flights from Osaka to the NMI for January to March impacted the Japan market heavily. Delta Air Lines also flew a reduced schedule of 12 flights a week in March from Narita to the NMI. As a result, load factors on all Japan flights to the NMI exceeded 95 percent on average for all Japan flights during the month of March with 8,808 Japanese able to secure one of just 9,222 seats available. The MVA's Japan airlift development manager has been meeting aggressive-

ly with all LCCs to seek the launch of new services to the NMI, while the MVA's Japan Ad Hoc Committee is actively seeking to secure more charter flights from Japan to the NMI. Arrivals from Russia fell 80 percent to 314 visitors in March as a result of the suspension of direct flights in August. The MVA is launching discount campaigns to the NMI from Far East Russia throughout summer 2015 to begin rebuilding the Russian market in the face of severe economic pressures and has been arranging multiple media campaigns to increase recognition of the destination targeting higher-income market segments that have not been as affected by

Russia's severe recession.

Meanwhile, the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands reported 83.75 percent occupancy among its 11 member hotels for March

2015, a 3-percent drop compared to March 2014. By comparison, room rates rose 7 percent to \$124.42 during the month, compared to \$116.57 last March. (MVA)

Apatang urges dog owners to take advantage of spay/neuter program

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REPORTER

Saipan Mayor David M. Apatang is urging pet owners to take advantage of the Saipan Mayor's Office's spay/neuter program next month.

"I urge everyone to take advantage of this program because it is an opportunity for them to take their dogs in for treatment," Apatang told *Saipan Tribune*.

The spay and neutering services will be offered from May 18 to May 30.

Apatang said they have added Kagman as another location to perform the spay/neuter program in addition to the dog kennel in Lower Base.

"We have been preparing and we're working with some organizations in setting up for the spay and neuter program. We have also been getting in-kind contributions," he said.

The Humane Society Interna-

tional and Animal Balance will be hosting the spay and neuter services.

HSI Hawaii senior state director and Pacific Islands policy coordinator Inga Gibson said that spaying and neutering is a key component of any animal control program.

"It is a very simple procedure. The animals live longer, they're healthier, they're less likely to bite, they're less likely to roam, and they're less likely to be perceived as a nuisance," she said.

Gibson earlier said they originally planned to charge \$25 but soon decided to do it for free instead.

Apatang said they are also looking for volunteers to help with the spay and neuter program.

"We are still looking for volunteers, so if you're interested please go to the Mayor's Office on Beach Road in Oleai," he said.

OPA staff to be on Rota, Tinian

Staff of the Office of the Public Auditor will be on Rota on April 27-28, 2015, and on Tinian on April 29, 2015, to notarize and accept last-minute filings of financial disclosure statements from government officials.

Filers on Rota may visit the Rota Mayor's Office from 9am to 4:30pm on Monday, April 27, 2015, and from 9am to 11am on

Tuesday, April 28, 2015.

Filers on Tinian may visit the Tinian Mayor's Office from 8:30am to 4:30pm on Wednesday, April 29, 2015.

All filers are reminded to bring with them some form of photo identification, such as a driver's license or a passport. Failure to do so may result in the denial of notary services. (OPA)



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Thursday, April 23, 2015, 12:00 p.m.
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Agenda

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FHB told to deposit disputed \$224K with court

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REPORTER

U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona ordered First Hawaiian Bank yesterday to deposit with the court \$224,584.62 in a company's savings account that are being disputed by some shareholders of Universal Group Development Inc. (Saipan).

Universal Group used to own Hailan Market and Oriental Dumpling Restaurant. Both businesses are now closed.

Manglona directed FHB to deliver the amount to the clerk of court by cashier's check payable to the U.S. Treasury, together with a copy of her order.

Manglona issued the order

after the parties in the lawsuit agreed to deposit funds with the court.

FHB, plaintiff Universal Group Development Inc. (Saipan), and defendant WanZhong Yu, through their respective counsels, inked the agreement.

Last February, asserting that it is a mere stakeholder, FHB asked the court to permit it to deposit with the clerk of court \$224,558.71 in Universal Group's savings account. Once this is done, FHB should be discharged from the lawsuit initiated by Universal Group, the bank's lawyer, Richard L. Johnson, said.

Johnson pointed out that Rule 17 of its deposit accounts rules and regulations give the bank a contractual right under

the circumstances in this case to deposit with the court the funds in the account.

Universal Group is suing its former president and shareholder, WanZhong Yu, for conversion and the FHB for breach of contract. Universal Group alleged that Yu and the bank have blocked the company from gaining access to \$225,000 of its own funds from a business savings account.

Yu maintains that he is still president of the company and that he was detained in China for 22 months caused by political influence exerted by his former business partners.

Mingnan Jin and Jinwei Guo are claiming that they are the officers and directors of Universal Group, and that Guo is now the sole shareholder.

8th Awaodori Festival tonight

The 8th Saipan Awaodori Festival kicks off tonight at the Paseo de Marianas in Garapan and will feature seasoned Awaodori cultural dancers from Japan as well as Saipan's own Awaodori Team.

PDM Promoters Inc. coordinator Sonia Siwa said the Saipan Awaodori Team has been busy rehearsing for the festival.

Siwa said representatives from the Saipan Awaodori Team's mother dance group in Japan, Tokyo Tensuire, will once again perform at this year's festival. Aoishinren and Benkeirenn will also be joining this year's event.

"These professional Awaodori dancers are from Koenji, Japan," Siwa said.

The festival will have its first performance at the Fiesta Resort & Spa at 5:30pm.

After the Fiesta Resort performance, the group will move

to the festival site at the Paseo de Marianas at 6pm.

There will be free raffle tickets and there will be prizes. "We have 100 prizes to give away," Siwa said. The raffle drawing will start around 6:50pm.

There will be other performances including the Awaodori group for their second stage performance, ukulele players, and the CNMI Domatsuri group. They will perform from 7pm to 8:30pm.

The last performance will be from the Awaodori group once again from 8:30pm to 9pm.

Tokyo Tensuire has been sending representatives to Saipan for the Awaodori Festival.

The Saipan Awaodori Team under PDM regularly takes part in community outreach activities, including a monthly cleanup of Garapan. (Jayson Camacho)

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Mount Carmel School earns nat'l charter membership

This past week, Mount Carmel School learned that it had been granted charter membership in the National Speech & Debate Association, which used to be known as the National Forensic League. Charter membership reflects sustained commitment to speech and debate education over several years. As a result, it is the highest level a program may achieve within the high school honor society.

"Achieving this honor is not easy," said J. Scott Wunn, executive director for the association. "Charter status places this program among the best in the nation."

School president Galvin Deleon Guerrero was very pleased with the news. "This is no small

achievement, and we owe a huge debt of gratitude to our NSDA adviser Filmah Buenaflo for committing so much of her time, energy, and personal resources to our NSDA competitors. We also owe much appreciation to all our talented NSDA competitors over the years who have earned distinction both at the local level and national level."

In 2011, AlumKnight John Edward Elenzano earned the CNMI its first championship trophy for storytelling at the annual NSDA (then NFL) national competition. A year before that, 2010 AlumKnight Ryan Ortiz won the prestigious Show Me Excellence Award at the 2010 NFL national competition. (MCS)



Mount Carmel School's NSDA adviser Filmah Buenaflo, center, with the school's NSDA competitors: Cathryn Jane Javier, left, and Thomas Lee A. Manglona II, right, at the recently concluded CNMI NSDA Regional Championship. Javier took first place in Extemporaneous Commentary Speaking and first place in Impromptu, as well as fifth place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Manglona took first place in Lincoln-Douglas Debate and first place in US Extemporaneous Speaking as well as second place in Impromptu. Manglona and Javier will represent the CNMI in the upcoming 2015 NSDA National Competition held in Dallas, Texas, this summer.

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JP and Cancer Alertness Walk tomorrow

Tan Holdings will hold its annual walk in memory of former Tan Holdings executive John Pangelinan tomorrow, April 18, starting at 4:30pm.

This time, however, it will be called the JP and Cancer Alertness Walk to better represent the event's campaign to spread cancer awareness to the community.

All proceeds from the event will be donated to the Commonwealth Cancer Association's Marianas March Against Cancer.

Like previous years, the walk will start at the pavilion across the JP Center (named after John Pangelinan) in Garapan and end at the Susupe Beach Park just after the Kanoa Resort in Susupe.

The start time for the 5-kilometer walk is 4:30pm. A registration fee of \$10 will be collected from participants with Tan Holdings employees needing only to pay \$5 (The other \$5 will be paid by their respective affiliates). The first 150 participants to sign up (whether Tan Holdings employees or not) will get a commemorative T-shirt.

The participation fee entitles participants to light refreshments and a raffle ticket after the walk. Transportation from the Susupe Beach Park going back to JP Center will be provided.

John passed away on Feb. 5, 2008. At the time of his death, he was the publisher of *Saipan Tribune*. Before joining the *Tribune*, John worked for Tan Holdings for 23 years in various capacities in both Saipan and Guam. John was born on Saipan on Oct. 26, 1937. (Tan Holdings)

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EIS describes independent water systems for the military's needs

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At maximum demand, the U.S. military could pump 482,339 gallons of potable water per day with their proposed three to six new supply wells on Tinian.

The proposed potable water demand is detailed in the CNMI joint-live fire training draft environmental impact statement. The EIS describes three to six new supply wells with one backup to the north and east of the Tinian airport to support the training and operations.

Under Tinian Alternative 1, "the operation and maintenance of this new system,

Teacher wins

TAIPEI, Taiwan (CNA)—A high school teacher beat two other finalists Wednesday to win what is being touted by the organizers as the "best Internship in the world" to the Northern Mariana Islands to promote travel there.

The 25-year-old Lai Yi-nien stood out from a total of 415 contestants after three rounds of competition, and said that she is excited to get hands-on experience in tourism promotion to share with her students at the Ta-Ming Senior High School who plan to major in hospitality management.

"I am going to live up to my supporters' expectations by promoting Marianas so that Taiwanese will want to experience the place for themselves," she said.

Lai will be paid NT\$60,000 (US\$2,000) to travel throughout the U.S. territory in the Pacific for a week and receive training as a tour guide, according to the Marianas' Visitors Authority office in Taipei.

The training will involve a tour of several attractions in the West Pacific island chain, including the route of the annual Saipan Marathon, World War II relics on the island of Tinian, and a natural swimming hole on the island of Rota, the officials said.

She will also participate in activities and seminars to promote tourism in the territory back in Taiwan, the officials said.

About 600 Taiwanese visited the Northern Marianas last year, said office director Milane Tsai, expressing hopes that the number will double in 2015 through campaigns like this.

Taiwan used to be an important source of visitors to the islands, with around 10,000 Taiwanese tourists traveling there per year in the early 1990s, according to the office.

But the number has dropped significantly over the past decade, falling to around 400 in 2012, due largely to the 2007 closure of the Northern Marianas representative office in Taiwan. The office reopened in 2013. (Lee Hsin-Yin)

including supply, transmission and distribution would be independent of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp., which manages and owns the water system on Tinian.

Right now, CUC's system consists of one supply well, three storage tanks, a chlorine treatment system, distribution piping, water meters, and other support facilities.

But this system, according to the EIS, has "substantial leaks" due to old piping, overflows at storage tanks, and leaks due to high water pressure.

The large water losses result in significantly more water being pumped from the well to

make up for the losses in the system, the EIS notes.

For their proposed base camp and munitions storage area, the military would require an average of 240,013 gallons per day. This camp and storage area is located in the military lease area north of the Tinian airport.

At their proposed facilities at the Port Tinian, which is outside their lease area, the military would have an average demand of 22,181 gallons per day, for a total Tinian demand of 262,194 gallons per day.

Their maximum total demand would be 482,339 gallons of water per day. Some 459,758 gallons would come

from the base camp and munitions storage area.

This total water demand is almost identical to their other training alternatives, the EIS notes.

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Owner of Lao Market in Chalan Kanoa District 1 receives \$1,000.00 cash prize from the Northern Marianas Amateur Sports Association on behalf of the lucky winner Claire Ocampo. Ocampo purchased \$10.00 worth of playing tickets on Tuesday afternoon and won \$6.00, which she redeemed for more playing tickets. Furthermore, she won an additional \$23.00 and used \$5.00 from the winning amount to purchase more tickets. The lucky winner scratched the winning \$1,000.00 Hafa Adai ticket. There are more prizes to win. NMASA would like to bid good luck to all the players.

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Blackwater's day of reckoning

In imposing lengthy prison terms on four former employees of the security firm once known as Blackwater, a federal judge has reinforced the message that the American legal system can mete out justice even when crimes are committed in wartime in another country. The fact that the defendants were in Iraq when they killed more than a dozen unarmed civilians shouldn't have immunized them from prosecution, conviction or punishment, and in the end, it did not.

Eight years after the shootings in a crowded public square in Baghdad, U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth sentenced Nicholas Slatten, who was convicted of murder in October, to life in prison. The judge imposed mandatory-minimum 30-year sentences on Paul Slough, Evan Liberty and Dustin Heard, who were found guilty of manslaughter and firearms charges. It is a relief, even all these years later, that the actions of these men will not go unpunished and that some semblance of justice at least will be offered to the families of their victims.

This prosecution has followed a tortuous path, made more difficult by missteps by the State Department, which granted some of the contractors limited immunity, leading a lower court judge to throw out the charges. A federal appeals court overturned that judgment while instructing the trial court to ensure that tainted evidence wasn't admitted.

The result was an 11-week trial at which dozens of Iraqi witnesses testified in moving terms about how the Blackwater security convoy fired on a crowd in Baghdad's Nisoor Square without provocation. The father of a 9-year-old boy recalled how he watched his son's brains spill out at his feet. The jury convicted the defendants after 28 days of deliberations.

The defendants sentenced this week can appeal their convictions on myriad grounds, including the question of whether the government erred in treating the men as Defense Department contractors when they technically worked for the State Department. Their lawyers also are expected to argue that the judge wrongly applied a law against the use of military firearms in the commission of a felony.

But even if the defendants prevail in some or all of their appeals, the Justice Department deserves credit for doggedly pursuing this case. Considerable attention has been paid to the fact that the outcry over these killings complicated relations between the United States and the government of Iraq. But it was important to seek justice for these victims not simply to defuse a diplomatic crisis but also for the reason any prosecution for murder or manslaughter is brought: to punish those who unlawfully take the lives of others. As in trials arising from crimes in this country, the prosecution had to prove its case beyond a reasonable doubt.

These killings were horrific. That they took place in a supposed "fog of war" was not an excuse. That is a timely lesson as the U.S. engages anew in Iraq.

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Take bold action on pot legalization

First, I want to extend my sincere humble and respectful apologies to the senators given they felt that I was being insulting for reminding them they work for the people and for asking them to recognize what the majority preferred in the hearings, which was full legalization. The news article did not mention how I praised Sixto for his role and that I was even urging him to not be afraid to be a great leader! Furthermore I did apologize to the senators for using strong language but it was my right to get on their case like people did with the impeachment if this is truly a democracy of, for and by the people. I never lied about anything I said, just told the truth but sometimes the truth just hurts and I'm sorry if I hurt their feelings but this is too important and there is too much at stake for the entire CNMI.

It is already a matter of public record that Sixto tried to place a gag order on people by telling us we couldn't comment on full legalization, which truly confused and even scared people. Medical use is what he wants but what about what we the people want when he is supposed to be working for the majority? I am just so thankful he had the wisdom so we could comment or we wouldn't know all the pitfalls of medical use alone and they would have never heard any testimonies that proved full legalization was better. In the hearings on Rota the majority were for medical use but preferred full legalization. On Saipan there were 27 testimonies and the majority of them were for medical use but preferred full legalization, highlighted by a doctor from CHC who spoke a second time switching from medical use to full legalization because of the many problems with medical use alone that was exposed in the hearings. Were the senators listening to the same testimony the doctor heard? He even explained the fact that many of his patients will still not be able to get marijuana if they don't have insurance. Heck, many of our sick have to fundraise just to get treatment so now we are going to set them up to do more fundraising or commit crimes to get marijuana under medical use alone. The senators should have learned like the doctor and the rest of us in the hearing that full legalization is the path we should be taking!

It took me getting on their case for Senate floor leader Arnold Palacios to finally come out and say, "We are considering recreational use on the record." My testimony was worth it and even the right thing to do! I was not insulting or disrespectful but offered a stern talk on the principles of leadership to get them to admit they heard the pleas of the majority for full legalization. Senators are supposed to be tough and proven leaders and their personal feelings should have never surfaced but if that's what it took to get them to recognize what the majority wanted it was worth it and mission accomplished for everyone. This incident was more of a case of "poor acceptance" of the truth because I do respect them and I still have very high regards for Sen. Sixto.

I never asked the senators to stop the hearings, which is why readers shouldn't believe everything in an unbalanced secondhand story as the reporter wasn't there and I was never contacted to give my

By AMBROSE M. BENNETT

Special to the Saipan Tribune



Ambrose M Bennett, a former teachers' representative on the Board of Education, is an advocate for the full legalization of marijuana use in the Commonwealth.

version—it was the senators' story, not mine. What I said was we now know what is full legalization and that they should be asking how to implement legalization because the how is just as important as the what. Can we exercise our right and ability to think and offer solutions on how? Some of the testimonies clearly ask for the opportunity to vote on the issue but how can people vote appropriately on something they have never seen in action with their own eyes.

These hearings alone cannot educate people on everything about legalization, which is why I was proposing the moratorium period so voters could get fully educated and informed first-hand for three years by seeing for themselves what legalization is like before they vote. This is really a scientific approach to the social and economic experiment of full legalization. We also need to determine if we want a government-run industry or a privately owned and operated industry. I have research that proves we need a government operation, at least until marijuana is decriminalized by the feds, which I will share with the public and the senators in the next hearing on Tinian.

This is really a simple matter of what to do and how to do it but they were manipulating it for sake of playing safe politics with medical use only when we need leaders who are not scared to lead us in a totally new direction. Heck, even though I was against the casino I now support it because that is what the majority want and I have to admire Gov. Eloy Inos for not being scared and for doing something that might even be potentially great for the CNMI in the face of protest—he was even elected governor for his efforts. I was just pushing the senators to do something great by championing the entire issue for all the people and for the economic prosperity of our Commonwealth.

If the committee had recognized the fact that the majority of testimonies were leaning toward full legalization, I would have never been pushing for them to do so. Thank you, Sen. Palacios, for finally acknowledging the committee is considering full legalization. We the people who were at the hearings have learned that full legalization is better, safer, and easier to help our economy and everyone more. Full legalization will also eliminate the existing marijuana crimes and the new marijuana crimes will clearly prevail under medical use alone. As I said in the hearing, no one is against medical use, which is why they wanted to stay on medical use, but we did not hire them to play safe as they are the point persons for the CNMI because this is our government

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The man who learned Mandarin

It's time for yet another installment of an ongoing theme in the Pacific: Mandarin Chinese. Or, more specifically, learning it. I've known a grand total of one American who has become fluent in it. That's "know" as opposed to "know of," since I know of several Americans who have earned the distinction, mostly because of books they wrote or instructional videos they made. But as far as flesh-and-blood, eyeball-to-eyeball let's-have-a-cuppa-coffee goes, my tally remains at one.

This guy, an attorney, writes legal documents in Chinese, so with that much going for him, I asked him for any advice he'd care to pass on to a student. Not that I'm much of a student, I just dabble in it as a hobby. Still, he passed along his wisdom, which I will, in turn, pass along to you.

He suggested a goal of learning 3,000 words of the most essential vocabulary along with a roughly commensurate level of grammar and such. He said that when he hit that point, things begin to click at a basic, but workable, level for street-level interaction. From there he could practice enough to improve.

Reciprocally, he noted that before he hit that point nothing seemed to click at all. He was always discouraged and on the cusp of quitting.

I'm not trying to sell you, or anyone else, on the advice, but I was grateful for it.

My related contemplations run like so: First of all, I can't test out the theory yet, because words keep slipping out of my brain just

as fast as I put them into my brain. Getting to 3,000 words is like walking on roller skates; I can get close, but then I slide back. The situation is aggravated by the fact that these days I'm not willing to invest much time in it.

Meanwhile, getting a little bit philosophical about things, I regard the term "conversation" as a murky one. If I say "hello" to you, and you say "hello" back, and then we both say "goodbye," is that really a conversation? I don't have an answer to that, but it's not really the type of conversation I have in mind when I contemplate a conversation.

If we bump up a rung or two on the ladder, we find that there's an asymmetry involved: It is often easier to speak than it is to listen. When we want to say something, we can strategically cast our words to steer around our weak points. But when we're being told something, we have to catch things as they hit us.

The situation is really sticky in Mandarin, since it always seems to have 20 ways of expressing the same basic thing. When you're transmitting, you only have to know one way. But when you're receiving, you don't have this luxury.

It is useful, then, to be able to ask people to speak slower, to repeat themselves, to explain what a certain word means, or to write things down.

As pushy as this is sometimes, I'll submit that it's genuine interaction, a feedback process that's more than an exchange of canned pleasantries. It's nudging us closer to a real conversation. Having

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field-tested this approach high and low, I can report that some people will acknowledge the situation and will downshift to accommodate a struggling counterparty (namely, me). Some won't. That's just how it is, so there's no point in worrying about it.

If you're looking for a bright spot, I'll note that for Saipan's context, using a foreign language for tourism is easier than having to free-form everything in a more comprehensive context. Much of what we have to say to tourists is simple, predictable, and well-defined. No, that's not conversational, but it's often enough to hold things together until you can, if necessary, call in better-equipped reinforcements. Even a scant inventory of 100 words or so, if pronounced intelligibly, can pay dividends. A long time ago I compiled cheat sheets in various languages for this sort of tourism communications, but I never managed to polish them into a high gloss.

Well, that's the latest installment in this ongoing saga. The topic isn't going away, so it will bob into view from time to time in this space, just as it has for years now.

The perfect storm at home

Walking into the middle of a perfect storm is fearfully dangerous. We've been in it for over a decade and forecasters aren't sure when will it recede or head out into the horizon.

The superstorm slammed everyone when utility rates here exploded in our faces six years ago, turning households into de facto employees of CUC. When it eats a good portion of the stagnant family income (income that remained the same for over 10 years) everybody feels it. We even memorize the vicious increase like grammar school alphabet. Momentarily, Santa came into town a day before last November's election and gave everyone a \$600 utility voucher. Is he still here or has he gone south of the equator?

When the NMI experienced heavy cash flow problems, the Inos administration cut retirement pension by 25 percent. Difficult as it may be, it was the only recourse to ascertaining the provision of services for the majority. It was the responsible thing to do.

Then came casino license fees paid in advance, \$30 million. It became the saving grace and Holy Grail used to restore the 25 percent. Is this a permanent solution given that we can't even fork out \$29 million and \$15 million respectively to pay NMI and CHC's utility bills?

Reportedly, the new budget submission has seen requests exceeding the proposed amount by \$38 million. It's a tough rain and fire dance to meet the budgetary needs of CHC, PSS, departments and agencies.

Recently, health premium costs went up. It simultaneously prompted implementation of health deductible of between \$500 and \$1,000 per year per family. It's money we pay at CHC when seeking medical treatment. It's one more level of brutal assault against the family purse. This forced a lot of folks to leave their health insur-

ance providers and sought help with Medicaid.

Out in town, it is rumored that grocery stores have arbitrarily raised the price of basic commodities, saying food stamps is free thus the abusive spike. But what about the rest of us who literally must struggle to make ends meet as non-food stamps recipients? Those receiving freebies are used against others in non-freebie land. This definitely must be investigated immediately.

The dire effects of these setbacks bring home a fatally urgent query: What's the policy of the NMI on healthcare, alternative energy, education, long-term illnesses, constructive economic programs; wages and salaries and other issues of significance? I haven't seen anything that has the semblance of a serious plan.

These observations aren't political punditry as much as informational purposes for the citizenry to analyze critically with more hardship descending on these isles. With no major investment rolling into our shores you could imagine what lies ahead as economic depression worsens.

The livelihood of villagers is stuck and sinks deeper in situational abject poverty right in the middle of a perfect storm. It happens when we use yesterday's leadership gift wrapped in today's followership. It's catastrophic hardship everywhere! Is this your treasured legacy?

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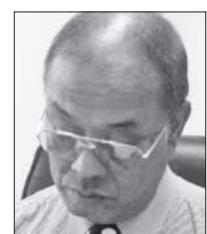
Historic Preservation is the lead agency in the Garapan excavation of historic materials. It stands to reason therefore that it must actively engage in the work before including contracts and the entire nine yards.

In other words, it can't step back to say that what happens henceforth is between the private archaeological firm and BSI. It should dictate inclusion of all materials already dug by the firm

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earlier retained to do the work.

The reason is simple: Whatever is dug up in ancestral bones to pottery and traditional weaponry belongs to the NMI government. Thus, Historic Preservation can't don the role of a bystander in this case. It owns the project and must step in and actively assist in the entire excavation, including contractual agreements.

Liberation Day partnership

The venom of sleek public relations stunt has been formed and metastasized like cancer on the islands. Recently, there's a partnership established with a certain Hong Kong group to partake in the planning and celebration of Liberation Day.

As this partnership pans out, did Mayor David Apatang overlook the significance of this day, lives lost (locals, Americans and Japanese) during the war. Isn't this day the celebration of our national independence, our country serving as the beacon of life, hope and freedom? Why would we trump it just for a few more firecrackers?

May we politely return the sugary lollipop? I still haven't forgotten my grandfather's difficult days at a Japanese jail before the war. Nor am I prepared to surrender the principles and significance of Stars and Stripes Forever. Let us allow the bells of freedom to ring forever more "from sea to shining sea." I'm sure thoughtful veterans would agree with me ready to celebrate without firecrackers from HK.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'Birth tourism' is perfectly legal, a boon to economy

In response to the column "Made in Saipan" by Jaime Vergara that came out on April 13, readers might be more interested in the motivation of these mothers-to-be to consider this perfectly legal "birth tourism" practiced long before the CNMI became a U.S. entity. Even of more interest might be the significant financial benefits received to this small CNMI tax base. What percentage of government revenue comes from "birth and education tourism" annually?

Financially, these mothers-to-be bring money to pay for local rent, groceries at local stores, restaurants, taxi rides to and from medical checkups, and pay over \$5,000 to CHC to deliver their babies, in effect providing the financially strapped CHC badly needed additional funding, subsidizing for local residence who "forget" to pay. Think about the word-of-mouth effect promoting more tourism. On a small island this has a tremendous impact on the CNMI government funds.

I'm sure the very intelligent Gov. Eloy Inos, charged with increasing the CNMI revenue base, would think twice about shoot-

ing the CNMI in the economic leg by killing this perfectly legal "birth tourism" industry when, in fact, it is has been practiced for decades by Hawaii, Guam, and all the major ports of entry in the U.S. mainland, including Los Angeles and New York on a much larger scale. Why in the world would the CNMI, the absolute closest U.S. destination to well over a billion potential visitors in Asia, let the big guys, who with the voting rights to kill the non-voting CNMI's garment industry, reap all the benefits? You would be hard pressed to disagree these "birth and education tourism" industries are much cleaner than the tourism generated by the defunct garment industry supported by most in the past.

Most of these mothers-to-be, particularly from China and Korea, plan way ahead when their child will turn 18 years old and then take their child's long dormant U.S. passport to benefit yet from another great and lucrative "university education tourism" economy, also in practice for decades in the mainland USA and Hawaii and Guam. Even the CNMI only has to look at who is paying and subsidizing NMI college tuition cost for

resident students attending college. Why give it to Guam, Hawaii, and the mainland?

Local politics could not be further from these foreigners' minds as they prefer to move on to the bigger world the mainland has to offer and leave the CNMI for the locals who prefer island living. Furthermore you can be certain these visitors prefer to leave local politics to locals. Remember, they are visiting from some countries where there is a heavy price paid to get into political issues. Lying low is the norm.

Perfectly legal "birth and education tourism" outweigh negatives caused by illegals and overstayers potentially taking local jobs. If their long view is the future education 18 years from now of their sons/daughters, I doubt you will find local crime being perpetrated by this type of visitors. The CNMI benefits economically, even more than larger U.S. neighbors, and you can be sure they will not give this tourism up.

Playford M. Ramsey

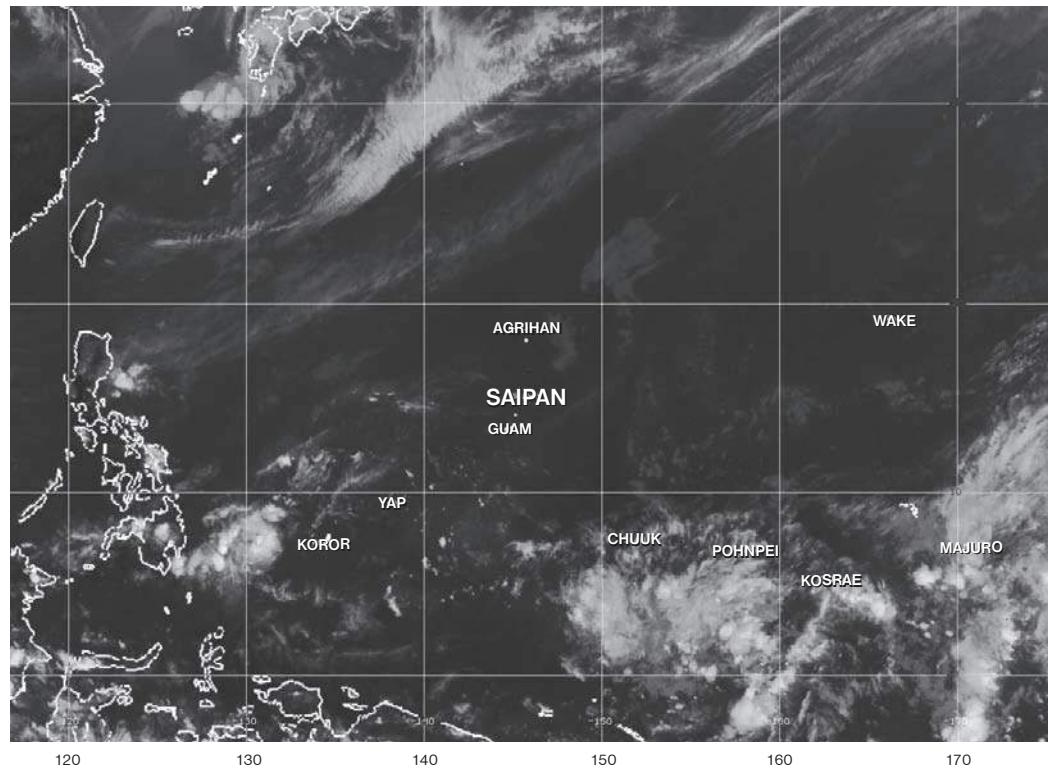
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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 20 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
▲ 87° ▾ 75°	▲ 87° ▾ 75°	▲ 87° ▾ 75°	▲ 87° ▾ 75°	▲ 87° ▾ 75°

Yesterday's Satellite Image



PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A cold front stretches southwestward from 25N147E to end at about 18N130E. Cloudiness and patchy showers are along and up to 100 miles northwest of the front. A weak tropical disturbance is just west of Koror with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms within 100 miles of 7N131E. A second tropical disturbance centered near 2N154E is producing scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of Chuuk and Pohnpei or south of 6N from 149E to 159E. A third tropical disturbance southeast of Kosrae centered at 3N168E is generating scattered showers and a few thunderstorms south of 5N from 166E to 172E. Trade-wind convergence is triggering scattered showers and a few thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands between 11N and 5N from 167E to 180E and near Butaritari within 100 miles of a line from 5N173E to 1N176E.

Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam homepage: www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/

Micronesia

Guam And Rota	Mostly Sunny	▲ 86 ▾ 80
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲ 89 ▾ 80
Yap	Cloudy	▲ 87 ▾ 80
Chuuk	Partly Cloudy	▲ 88 ▾ 80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▾ 77
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲ 87 ▾ 77
Majuro	Partly Sunny	▲ 85 ▾ 79

Around the Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲ 70 ▾ 58
Beijing	Partly Cloudy	▲ 76 ▾ 50
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲ 77 ▾ 70
Honolulu	Mostly Sunny	▲ 83 ▾ 70
London	Sunny	▲ 61 ▾ 46
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲ 83 ▾ 56
Manila	Thundershowers	▲ 70 ▾ 57
Melbourne	Mostly Cloudy	▲ 70 ▾ 57
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲ 86 ▾ 75
New York	Mostly Sunny	▲ 59 ▾ 50
Osaka	Sunny	▲ 63 ▾ 48
Paris	Partly Cloudy	▲ 75 ▾ 57
Pusan	Mostly Sunny	▲ 65 ▾ 46
Rome	Mostly Sunny	▲ 71 ▾ 56
Salem	Sunny	▲ 71 ▾ 43
San Francisco	Sunny	▲ 75 ▾ 51
Seoul	Sunny	▲ 65 ▾ 39
Tokyo	Thundershowers	▲ 70 ▾ 50
Washington, DC	Partly Cloudy	▲ 71 ▾ 56

Tides

Saipan Harbor			
1:08 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
7:18 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
1:47 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.2 Feet
7:47 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:03 AM	6:32 PM
Saturday	6:02 AM	6:32 PM
Sunday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM
Monday	6:01 AM	6:32 PM
Tuesday	6:00 AM	6:33 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	4:32 AM	5:02PM
Saturday	5:22 AM	6:02 PM
Sunday	6:12 AM	7:03 PM
Monday	7:04 AM	8:03 PM
Tuesday	7:57 AM	9:02 PM

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FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF APRIL 2, 2015

DEPARTURES			ARRIVALS				
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)			GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN				
UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily	UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3	UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7	UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	2:15pm	3:55pm	6, 7 via Rota	UA5039	12:55pm	1:45pm	6, 7
UA5078	3:05pm	3:55pm	1, 5	UA5038	1:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4 via Rota
UA5038	3:05pm	3:55pm	2, 4	UA5077	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 5
UA5040	6:55pm	7:45pm	1, 5	UA5041	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 5
UA5078	8:35pm	9:25pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7	UA5077	7:15pm	8:05pm	2, 3, 4, 6, 7
UA5044	10:40pm	11:30pm	1, 5	UA5043	9:20pm	10:10pm	1, 5
SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)			GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				
UA5039	2:15pm	2:50pm	6, 7	UA5038	1:00pm	1:35pm	2, 4
ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN				
UA5039	3:20pm	3:55pm	6, 7	UA5038	2:00pm	2:35pm	2, 4
SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)			PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:05am	1:05am+1	2, 6 via NRT	DL298	4:30am	2:55pm	3, 7 via NRT
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)			NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN				
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6	DL298	10:25am	2:55pm	Daily
DL297	4:20pm	7:10pm	Daily	DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)			SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN				
OZ626	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ623	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ626	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	9:30am	3:20pm	1, 2, 4, 7
7C3403	4:35am	8:20am	1, 2, 5, 6, 7	7C3402	10:55am	4:25pm	3, 5, 6
7C3403	5:25am	9:10am	3, 4	OZ625	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ624	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ625	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
7C3401	4:20pm	8:05pm	1, 2, 4, 7	7C3404	10:10pm	3:40am+1	Daily
7C3401	5:25pm	9:10pm	3, 5, 6				
SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)			BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN				
OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7	OZ607	9:05pm	1:55am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)			SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN				
3U8648	6:00am	8:35am	1, 4,				

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

The genuine meaning of 'We the people'

A few days ago I introduced to your readers the concepts of "public" and "public interest" connected to public policies and issues. As intriguing as it presents, these concepts are found in dictionary definitions and those alone could satisfy our understanding and agreement. Or the dictionary definition could be the primary source that causes all our misguided conceptions and misunderstanding on concepts that should have been drawn from alternative grounds. The "public" dimension in public policy signify both its time and place. No public policy could ever exist without its time and its place, hence the "public" is a real entity and has real meaning for those effectuating the promulgation of public policies and by those intended beneficiaries of the actions approved by our CNMI Constitution.

The preamble to all the constitutions of the 50 states in the United States follow a similar pattern. They introduce the clause "We the

people" and followed by declaring their intention to "ordain and establish" their constitution. The CNMI Constitution is no different: "We, the people of the NMI, grateful to almighty God for our freedom, ordain and establish this Constitution as the embodiment of our traditions and hopes for our Commonwealth in political union with the United States of America." It is worth noting also that our Constitution makes specific compelling reasons connecting our desires in that we value the embodiment of our traditions and hopes for our Commonwealth. So, the place called the Northern Mariana Islands is a community with traditions and hopes for our future. These traditions and hopes for our Commonwealth are the compelling reasons that make our Constitution signify our place and time. The language we used appears concise, favored, and flawlessly instrumental. Certain ends of government having been

identified, our Constitution is to be the instrument for attaining our traditions and hopes for our Commonwealth.

Why did the framers of the CNMI Constitution express their gratitude to almighty God for the value of our traditions and hopes for our Commonwealth? I would say that they were expressing an attitude toward self-government different from the other jurisdictions. They expressed in succinct words how they felt about the place they inhabited as an important part of what they meant when they said "we the people." They had not come to know each other as "we" simply

"in order to"; they knew each other as "we" in relation to the place. So in constituting ourselves as a people, we could not pretend to do it in purely instrumental terms.

Our Constitution is more than a legal document. By our Constitution, we offered an expressive act by which separate, individual people constitute themselves as a people. A people so constituted is, in turn, the only genuine source of meaning for the word "public," which, in Latin, meant "of the people." It does not actually mean "of people." Hence, people in their own individuality never become public. They only do that by a deliberate ac-

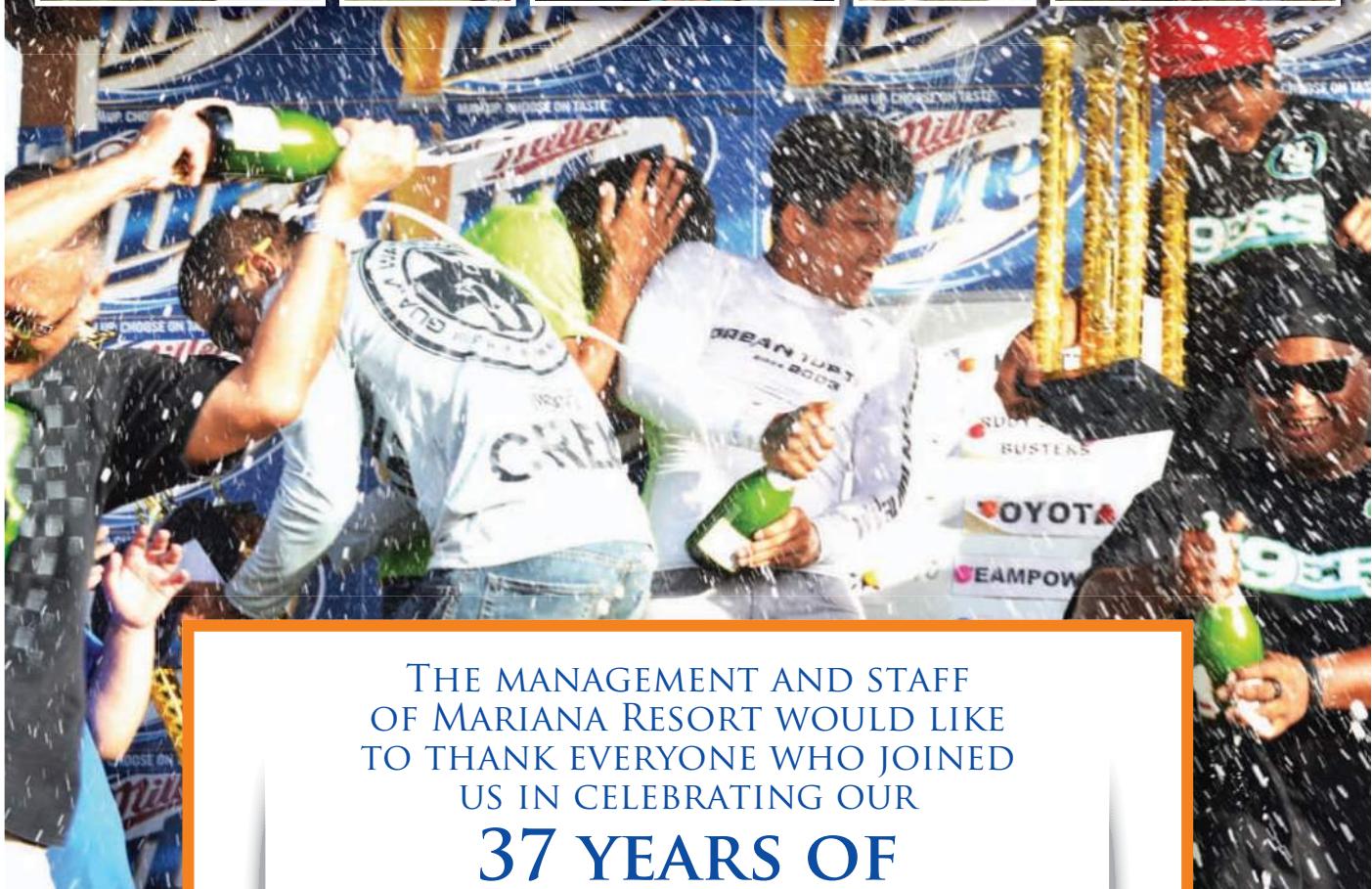
tion of constituting themselves as "the people."

The NMI Constitution was finalized and signed on Dec. 5, 1976, and voters ratified it on March 6, 1977, and took effect Jan. 9, 1978. So as far as what "public" and "public interest" mean in our present discussion, could it be that what we are referring to is the time and place dating back to the formative time of this Constitution? At that time and place the people comprised mostly the Chamorro and Carolinian. Our place is the same NMI, but the "we the people" only refers to certain people. What other alternate thesis

could be had to explain and demonstrate what the CNMI Constitution really refers to its "we the people." The "public" and "public interest" seems to have a place and time in our Constitution. Could this be the most acceptable and agreeable connotation concerning the point in question? Does this make the case for all indigenous people of this NMI, the "we the people" in our Constitution? The "public" and the "public interest" appear to be as expressively constituted in the CNMI Constitution?

Francisco R. Agulto

Kannat Tabla, Saipan



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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) will be holding a public hearing on the proposed H.S Lee Hotel and Commercial Building permit application No.SMS-2015-X-005. The permit application was submitted by H.S. Lee Construction Co., Inc. to construct a three (3) story hotel and commercial space concrete building in Garapan across the "I love Saipan" shop on Beach Road. The proposed project site is situated on two private lots, TR No. 21073 and TR No. 21074. The first floor will be for commercial/office space and forty-eight (48) hotel rooms for the second and third floors. Included in the proposal are parking stalls, driveways and landscape design for the front of the building.

The public hearing is scheduled for Monday, May 04, 2015, 6:00PM at the Bureau of Environmental and Coastal Quality conference room, Suite 205, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan.

Written comments may be submitted to the DCRM Office, Suite 305, Gualo Rai Center, Middle Road, Gualo Rai, Saipan, or mail to the Division of Coastal Resources Management, Caller Box 10007 or by fax at 664-8315. The project file is open for review and comment during regular business hours from 7:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday thru Friday. All written and oral comments received by DCRM will be included as part of the permit application record and will be considered in any decisions concerning the proposed project.

Please contact the DCRM at 664-8300/1 if you have any questions or would like to learn more about the H.S Lee Hotel and Commercial Building project.

/s/ Frances A. Castro
Director
Division of Coastal Resources Management

LITERARY NOOK

More on saints, secular and otherwise...

By JOEY 'PEPE BATBON' CONNOLY

Special to the Saipan Tribune

SAINTS—SOME HONEYBEES AND SOME WANNABEES

Most mothers are saints, grandmas, aunts, and sisters and second cousins are sweet sainted honeybees bustling in kitchens with flour, butter, and eggs baking bread, cakes, and pies for nascent wannabees. There are wannabee saints who promised the world to some girl then left before she delivered the baby or in the next few years the baby still in diapers they played lover boy and churl their trip to sainthood left in the lurch, they shifted genital gears. Saintly worker bees continue their love making money/honey proving daily their potential in providing for the queen in the hive are the drones for whom daily work is not funny their wings fanning the way to sainthood somewhere in between. Wannabees go from being stamen with pistol flour to flower while honeybee saints drip honeycomb hour by sticky hour.

SAINTS? MARTYRS? WHAT'S THE DIFFERENCE

What's the difference between a martyr and a saint? both could be a long time dead, now statues and paint one might have died for a cause in a manner quaint

others were murdered and on their souls not a taint The only real saint I've ever known is my mother she put up with an alcoholic husband who beat her and dealt with wise guys like me and my brothers my younger sisters were darlings and much sweeter A Jesuit Argentine Pope in Rome named Francis has come up with two new papal saints for answers martyrs were often imprisoned before they died saints often lived holy lives and had their religion tried. Martyrdom takes seconds, roads to sainthood are harder the heart of the soul defines the saint or the martyr.

FOLLOW YOUR BLISS SATCHITANANDA

(Joseph Campbell advised seekers, "Follow your bliss") Trying to follow looking for that 'sacred space' hoping to find my very own 'bliss station' stumbling away from the rowdy rat race not even knowing when I'm in the situation In ancient Sanskrit "SAT" means being "CHIT" refers to total consciousness how do we relate to what we are seeing when do we go beyond making a guess "ANANDA" is Sanskrit for bliss or rapture

what bliss is I'm uncertain still not sure I kiss any ideas that I'm able to capture so my 'sacred space' and 'bliss station' will endure Rilke tells us to ..." live with the question" I stumble along slowly seeking the direction

WHO AM I TO JUDGE

(dedicated to Pope Francis, who asked) The new Argentine pope asked, "Who am I to judge?" he felt the Curia was unwilling to budge protected in the Papal enclave acreage used to bearing that Roman Catholic guilt cudgel Only brief Papal bulletins they had to dodge in a confessional mode their sins they could fudge transgressors of truth many held more than one grudge no sweat when confronted with a contrite deluge Till Francis gave them a non prosecutrix nudge look to the poorest you who need moral courage down their path you may begin your penitent trudge let love and forgiveness under your red caps lodge Though you all are part of the Cardinal's College humility should prevail in your sacred knowledge

WHEN ANGELS DARE TO TREAD

Foolish angels rush out into cyberspace basking and building on binary theorem each program and pilgrim has its exact place these cherubs guarantee that you hear them Not just the dogs that seem to run free not just the angels from below and above but those with a kindly and caring degree sharing freely caring to show us their love Naysayers negate and are ready to pounce jumping on the unaware for making a move never giving an inch not even an ounce when those foolish angels get out of their groove Thankful for love and after laughter the thought no fear expressing what they've been taught

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and not theirs. Laws should reflect what the people want even if it is not what the senators originally intended. The whole purpose of a public hearing to *hear* what the people want to do about legalization without restrictions on what they can say or recommend!

As for the commenters who seem to think I am hurting their cause for full legalization, you need to know that full legalization might not even be on the table. My persistence and speaking up for what is clearly the majority in the hearings and in our society who want full legalization is the main reason the full legalization movement is alive. I know more about this issue than the senators so they should be listening to me and even be thankful they had someone in our society who had really done their homework on this issue. Sen. Sixto's focus should be championing the entire issue and letting the votes take care of the results. If they will champion this issue for all the people they will be re-elected. Just ask Gov. Inos, who championed the casino! We need the senators to champion full legalization and not give us a medical band-aid that won't even work for most of the sick without insurance because they can't even afford to buy marijuana even if it was legal!

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COMMISSIONER, DPS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAM
DIRECTOR, P&S

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CEO - COMMONWEALTH HEALTHCARE CORP.

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAM
DIRECTOR, P&S

Tan Holdings will hold its annual walk in memory of former Tan Holdings executive John Pangelinan on

Saturday, April 18, 2015

Registration starts at 4:00pm at Beach Road Pavilion, across JP Center

- \$5.00 registration fee (includes raffle ticket)
- \$10.00 registration fee (includes raffle ticket and T-shirt*)

*A commemorative T-shirt will be given to the first 150 participants who sign up.

Proceeds will benefit the Commonwealth Cancer Association's Marianas March Against Cancer

- Refreshments and raffle prizes will be available at the Susupe Beach Park finish line

Lots of prizes are up for grabs!

For more information, please contact Ms. Celia Pillarina or Anne Navarrete at 235-0560 ext. 155 or 171 or send an email to celia_pillarina@tanholdings.com.

John passed away in Feb. 5, 2008. At the time of his death, he was the publisher of Saipan Tribune. Before joining the Tribune, John worked for Tan Holdings for 23 years in various capacities in both Saipan and Guam. John was born on Saipan on Oct. 26, 1937.



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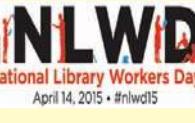











Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Like us on Facebook FIND US ON FACEBOOK! MCH, JKPL, MRFR			1 Proclamation Signing for Week of the Young Child, Sexual Assault Awareness Month, & Child Abuse and Neglect Awareness Month at 10:00 AM @ Multipurpose Center in Susupe	2	3 LIBRARY CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF GOOD FRIDAY	4 Read Aloud & Craft @ 10 AM (JKPL) Family Movie @ 1 PM (JKPL)
 Happy Easter Ongoing PSS BMI Check @ Elemt. Schools/ASQ, Implementation Training	5	6	7	8	9	10
APRIL 6-11 HEALTH & SAFETY WEEK						
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK & LITERACY WEEK APRIL 13-18 WEEK OF THE YOUNG CHILD APRIL 12-18						
 NLWD National Library Workers Day April 14, 2015 • #nlwd15						
Read Aloud @ Gana Day Care Center, Koblerville @ 10:15AM	Motherread/Fatherread Financial Literacy Training 4:30-5:30pm @ JKPL Read Aloud @ Sister Remedios (CK) @ 10AM	Motherread/Fatherread Financial Literacy Training 4:30-5:30pm @ JKPL Read Aloud @ NMIS (Marianas Business Plaza 10AM)	Parent Training on Early Learning Guidelines (Call DCCA) Read Aloud @ Loving Hands Daycare (San Antonio at 10 AM)	Read Aloud & Craft @ 10 AM (JKPL) Family Movie @ 1 PM (JKPL)		
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
ARTS & CULTURE WEEK						
 National Bookmobile Day April 15, 2015	DYS Parenting Classes in Kagman (PA) Hyatt "I Read" Celebrity Read Aloud Program Begins	DYS Parenting Class Call 664-2550	DYS Parenting Classes in Garapan (PA) 6:30-8:30PM	DYS Parenting Class Call 664-2550		
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EARLY LEARNING & FAMILY ENGAGEMENT						
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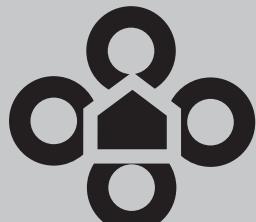
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Delta Air Lines Sales and Marketing representative Chris Concepcion, center, presents two round-trip tickets to the 12th Annual NMC Foundation president Joe Santos, second from right, and the golf tournament planning committee members.

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Delta Air Lines has donated two round-trip tickets to Japan valued at over \$2,000 that will be used as a hole-in-one prize for the 12th Annual Northern Marianas College Foundation Open golf tournament tomorrow, April 18, 2015. The prize will be featured along with other prizes worth tens of thousands of dollars at the tournament.

"Delta Air Lines is a strong supporter of NMC Foundation and its mission," said Chris Concepcion of Delta Air Lines. "Our company is happy to be a part of tomorrow's golf tournament, which benefits higher

education in the CNMI."

The tournament, the Foundation's signature event, aims to raise critical funds to support NMC's academic programs and services.

"I would like to thank all of this year's corporate sponsors for their support," said Eileen Babauta, who is part of the organizing committee that is planning the tournament. "All the proceeds of the tournament will go to the NMC Foundation, which is charged with the mission of supporting our great community college."

Other hole-in-one prizes in-

clude \$10,000 sponsored by Marianas Insurance Co. and a \$5,000 prize from Pacifica Insurance Underwriters. Cash prizes of \$500, \$300, and \$200 will also be awarded to first, second, and third place finishers of each flight category.

The tournament will be held at Saipan Laolao Bay Golf & Resort tomorrow, April 18, 2015, with a shotgun start at 7am and will follow a medal play format. There will be six separate flight categories: Championship, A, B, C, seniors, and ladies. The entrance fee is \$95 per player. (NMC)

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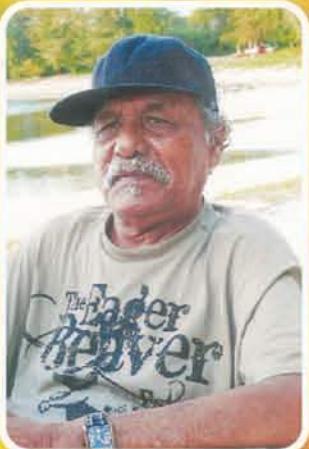
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Parents invited to Summer Academy info session Sat.

Parents of high school seniors and juniors are invited to participate in an information session tomorrow, Saturday, April 18, 2015, to learn about the Summer Academy organized by College Access Challenge Grant Program at the Northern Marianas College.

The Summer Academy affords high school students an opportunity to gain meaningful college experience while they are earning transferable college credits. The Academy familiarizes students with college life while they are still in high school and can be an excellent way to help students prepare for their eventual transition to college after graduation.

In addition to college level work, participants of the Summer Academy will also receive college advising, academic tutoring, and college-preparatory and life skills training.

The program is funded by the College Access Challenge Grant, which aims to increase the number of underserved and minority students who are enrolling in college. To do this, the CACG provides a scholarship award to eligible students to cover the cost of their courses.

The info session for parents

Administrative Professionals Day at Hyatt

Hyatt Regency Saipan is inviting all managers to honor and host Administrative Professionals Day at Giovanni's.

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Business

Seattle CEO to cut his pay so every worker earns \$70K

SEATTLE (AP)—A Seattle CEO who announced that he's giving himself a drastic pay cut to help cover the cost of big raises for his employees didn't just make those workers happy.

He's already gained new customers, too.

"We've definitely gained a handful of customers in the last day or two," said Stefan Bennett, a customer relations manager at Gravity Payments, a credit card payment processing firm.

"We're showing people you can run a good company, and you can pay people fairly, and it can be profitable."

Dan Price, chief executive of

the company, stunned his 100-plus workers on Monday when he told them he was cutting his roughly \$1 million salary to \$70,000 and using company profits to ensure that everyone there would earn at least that much within three years.

For some workers, the increase will more than double their pay. One 21-year-old mother said she'll buy a house.

At a time of increasing anger nationally over the enormous gap between the pay of top executives and their employees, the announcement received immense attention. But corporate governance professor



Cary Chin works Wednesday, April 15, 2015, at the front desk of Gravity Payments, a credit card payment processor based in Seattle. Gravity CEO Dan Price told his employees this week that he was cutting his roughly \$1 million salary and using company profits so they would each earn a base salary of \$70,000, to be phased in over three years.

David Larcker of the Stanford University Graduate School of Business said it's unclear if Price's unusual gesture will start a trend.

"It's an alternative way to think about a tough problem, and I give these guys a lot of credit for laying it out there," Larcker said. "Whether this would scale to a bigger organization, it's hard to know. But it's clever, it's interesting and it's fun to think about."

Washington state already has the nation's highest minimum wage at \$9.47 an hour, and earlier this month Seattle's minimum wage law went into effect. It will eventually raise base hourly pay to \$15.

Labor unions and workers in the Seattle area on Wednesday joined national protests for better pay. Drivers for Uber and Lyft—the app-based car-hailing services—gathered in Seattle, while airport workers rallied at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. In Seattle, police arrested 21 demonstrators who opted for civil disobedience to dramatize their point, refusing to move out of an intersection at the conclusion of their march.

Gravity's CEO launched the company from his dorm room at Seattle Pacific University

when he was just 19. He's long taken a progressive approach that included adopting a policy allowing his workers to take unlimited paid vacation after their first year.

"I think this is just what everyone deserves," Price told workers in a video of Monday's announcement released by the company.

But he also acknowledged it won't be easy: The increased pay will eat into at least half the company's profits, he said, and he has no plans to simply raise rates on clients.

"It's up to us to find a way to make it work," he said.

Bennett, 28, went to college with Price and has worked for Gravity since graduation. He said he was already happy to work for a company that treats its employees and customers well in what he otherwise considers a predatory industry. For him, the raise will amount to about \$10,000.

"I don't care as much about the money," he said. "But if I look at my colleagues, and what they talk about on a day-to-day basis and what their concerns are—just looking at their faces when Dan announced the pay increase, it was pretty phenomenal."

Fight for \$15 protests expand for low-wage workers

NEW YORK (AP)—The Fight for \$15 campaign to win higher pay and a union for fast-food workers is expanding to represent a variety of low-wage workers and become more of a social justice movement.

In New York City on Wednesday, more than 100 chanting protesters gathered outside a McDonald's around noon, prompting the store to lock its doors to prevent the crowd from streaming in.

Demonstrators laid on the

sidewalk outside to stage a "die-in," which became popular during the "Black Lives Matter" protests after recent police shootings of black men. Several wore sweatshirts that said "I Can't Breathe," a nod to the last words of a black man in New York City who died after he was put in a police chokehold.

Timothy Roach, a 21-year-old Wendy's worker from Milwaukee, said the police brutality black men face is linked to the lack of economic opportunity

they're given. He said the protests were necessary to send a message to companies.

"If they don't see that it matters to us, then it won't matter to them," Roach said.

Organizers said demonstrations were planned for more than 230 U.S. cities and college campuses, as well as dozens of cities overseas. Among those who joined the latest day of protests were airport workers, Walmart workers and adjunct professors.

The campaign began in late 2012 and is being spearheaded by the Service Employees International Union, which represents low-wage workers in areas like home care, child care and building cleaning services. Mary Kay Henry, the SEIU's president, said the push has already helped prompt local governments to consider higher minimum wages, nudged companies to announce pay hikes and made it easier for SEIU members to win better contracts. Those re-

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Nation

Small aircraft lands on Capitol lawn; pilot in custody

WASHINGTON (AP)—Police arrested a Florida Postal Service worker who steered his tiny aircraft onto the West Lawn of the

Video: Arizona officer rams police cruiser into suspect

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Dramatic dash-cam videos of an arrest in Arizona showed an officer plowing his cruiser into an armed robbery suspect at high speed, once again putting police actions under the public microscope.

Experts on Wednesday called the officer's tactics unconventional and even outrageous—but justified, given the circumstances.

The images police released Tuesday provoked intense responses among tens of thousands of people after they were posted on the Internet, providing a new angle to the national debate over policing. Some expressed outrage, accusing the officer of improperly using deadly force. Others said he deserves a medal for managing to quickly and safely end a stand-off with a dangerous gunman.

The suspect's defense law-

yer called it excessive and unjustified.

"In watching the video, I think it was clear that it was not the appropriate action and that my client was not threatening to anybody except for himself," attorney Michelle Cohen Metzger said Wednesday.

Prosecutors cleared Marana Police Officer Michael Rapijko of any wrongdoing after he swerved around another officer who had been cautiously tailing the robbery suspect, then accelerated and rammed into the man's back on Feb. 19.

The videos show Mario Valencia, 36, cart-wheeling through the air in the instant before the cruiser breaks through a retaining wall, shattering its windshield. Rapijko, 34, and other officers then jump out from all over, guns drawn, to make sure Valencia stays down.



U.S. Capitol after flying through restricted airspace around the National Mall on Wednesday.

The pilot was Douglas Mark Hughes of Ruskin, Florida, who remained in custody Wednesday evening, Capitol Police said in a statement. On his website, Hughes took responsibility for the stunt and said he was delivering letters to all 535 members of Congress to draw attention to campaign finance corruption.

"As I have informed the authorities, I have no violent inclinations or intent," Hughes wrote on his website, thedemocracyclub.org. "An ultralight aircraft poses no major physical threat - it may present a political threat to graft. I hope so. There's no need to worry - I'm just de-

livering the mail."

Capitol Police said Hughes could face charges of violating federal aviation laws. Airspace security rules that cover the Capitol and the District of Columbia prohibit private aircraft flights without prior coordination and permission, and violators can face civil and criminal penalties.

A Senate aide said Capitol Police knew of the plan shortly before Hughes took off, and said he had previously been interviewed by the U.S. Secret Service. The aide spoke on condition of anonymity to discuss details of the investigation.

Secret Service spokesman Brian Leary said the agency interviewed Hughes in Florida in October 2013 after ob-

tinating "information from a concerned citizen about an individual purporting their desire to land a single-manned aircraft on the grounds of the United States Capitol or the White House." Leary said the information was shared with Capitol Police and "a complete and thorough investiga-

tion was conducted."

Capitol Police identified the open-air aircraft, which sported the U.S. Postal Service logo and landed about half a city block from the Capitol building, as a "gyrocopter with a single occupant." About two hours after the device had landed, police announced that a bomb squad had cleared it and nothing hazardous had been found. The authorities then moved it off the Capitol lawn to a secure location.

ACROSS THE NATION

Authorities: Cardiologist tried to have rival doctor killed

MINEOLA, N.Y. (AP)—A Long Island cardiologist had the office of another doctor torched, then hired someone who turned out to be an undercover police officer in a failed attempt to have the doctor hurt or killed, authorities said Wednesday. Dr. Anthony J. Moschetto allegedly used drugs, guns and blank prescriptions as currency while trying to have the other doctor harmed amid a professional dispute, investigators said. Moschetto first allegedly hired two men

to set fire to the man's office; it happened beneath a sprinkler and damage was minimal, prosecutors said. "He was willing to pay \$5,000 to have him beaten and put in the hospital for a couple of months and pay \$20,000 to have him killed," Nassau County Assistant District Attorney Anne Donnelly said of Moschetto's intentions. "He wanted to put him out of business so he could get his business."

Detroit hitman says he, not teen, responsible for 4 deaths

DETROIT (AP)—An imprisoned hit man has signed a chilling affidavit taking responsibility for four murders at a Detroit drug house in a renewed effort to free a young man who pleaded guilty to the same killings at age 15, attorneys said Wednesday. Davontae Sanford was just 14, illiterate and blind in one eye when he walked up to police at the murder scene in 2007 and immediately became a suspect. He eventually pleaded guilty to second-degree murder and was sent to prison, but a new legal team from two law schools wants the conviction thrown out. The affidavit from Vincent "Vito" Smothers, who has long expressed a willingness to help Sanford, goes into extraordinary detail about the Runyon Street murders, noting the victims were watching a football game on television when he fired an AK-47. He said he scouted the house for weeks, even playing catch one day with a buddy so he could get a feel for the neighborhood.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP15-BECQ-081

SUBMISSION: MAY 20, 2015 TIME: 10:00 A.M.

"TO CONDUCT ASTM PHASE 1 ENVIRONMENTAL SITE ASSESSMENT OF THE PINA PLATEAU SITE ON TINIAN, A PROJECT UNDER THE BUREAU OF ENVIRONMENTAL AND COASTAL QUALITY"

The Scope of Work for this project will be available on or after April 17, 2015 at the BECQ Office located at the Gualo Rai Center Building, on Chalan Pale Arnold Road, Saipan or electronically by e-mail request to raymasga@deq.gov.mp no later than the close of business, May 11, 2015. Responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

A pre-proposal meeting is scheduled for May 06, 2015 at 9:30 a.m., local time in the 2nd Floor BECQ Conference Room (Rm. 205).

Questions regarding this RFP may be submitted by facsimile to Mr. Ray Masga, Manager, Site Assessment and Remediation Branch at (670) 664-8540 or by e-mail to raymasga@deq.gov.mp no later than the close of business, May 11, 2015. Responses to questions shall be shared with all prospective proposers.

The government reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and to waive any imperfection in a proposal if in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All proposals shall become the property of the CNMI government.

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Each meeting will begin with an open house session where the public can learn more about the proposed action and potential environmental impacts from project team members and subject matter experts. A public hearing will follow the open house. In the interest of available time, participants will be limited to three minutes to ensure all who wish to submit verbal comments have an opportunity to do so. A Chamorro and Carolinian interpreter will be available.

Concurrent with the NEPA process, the U.S. military is conducting National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) Section 106 consultation regarding potential effects of the proposed action on historic properties. During each of the above meetings, the U.S. military will hold NHPA Section 106 information sessions in a separate area where subject matter experts will explain the NHPA Section 106 process and solicit public input on the effects of the proposed action on historic properties.

There are three ways to submit written comments: (1) providing comments at one of the public meetings; (2) submitting comments through the project website: www.CNMIJointMilitaryTrainingEIS.com; and (3) mailing comments postmarked by June 3, 2015 ChST to:

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World

US: Growing China, Russia military activity in Asia-Pacific

WASHINGTON (AP)—The commander of U.S. forces in the Pacific said Wednesday that major land reclamation by China at outposts in the South China Sea could allow it to exert more influence over the contested area and deploy military assets such as long-range radar and advanced mis-

sile systems.

Adm. Samuel Locklear also told the House Armed Services Committee that Russia has escalated military activity in the Asia-Pacific in recent months to a near Cold War-level.

Locklear's area of command straddles a vast area of land and ocean where the Obama

administration has tried to elevate America's presence, and where other major powers jockey for influence. He was addressing a hearing on U.S. military strategy and posture in the region.

In the past year, China has conducted massive land reclamation at previously sub-

merged reefs in the South China Sea despite a U.S. call for a freeze on such construction to give time for diplomacy to work between China and its neighbors in Southeast Asia.

Locklear said China has aggressive reclamation and construction projects at eight outposts in the Paracel and Spratly island chains, including what appears to be an airfield at Fiery Cross Reef, which is also claimed by Vietnam, the Philip-

pines and Taiwan. It's one of many disputed, tiny land features in that ocean.

Locklear said the artificial islands would allow China to provide basing and resupply for its large and growing fleet of maritime security vessels. He said China eventually could deploy missiles and radar on them, providing a platform for enforcing an air defense identification zone if it tried to establish one in the South China Sea.

"It allows them to exert basically greater influence over what's now a contested area," Locklear said.

China claims much of the South China Sea, and Beijing has asserted its right to undertake any activity in territories it claims. In late 2013, China unilaterally declared an air defense zone over disputed, Japanese-held islands in the East China Sea. The U.S., Japan and others have refused to recognize the move.

WORLD BRIEFS

Angry kin unmoved by S. Korean leader's vow to salvage ferry

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—Angry relatives of passengers who drowned in a ferry sinking snubbed South Korea's president on the disaster's anniversary Thursday, even as she pledged to salvage the ship. Tears and grief mixed with raw fury as black-clad relatives and their supporters mourned the 304 victims of the ferry Sewol, most of whom were high school students. Earlier in the day, relatives blocked the prime minister from attending a mourning event. They later canceled another ceremony because of what they called government indifference to their plight. There's widespread fatigue among many South Koreans a year after one

of the country's worst disasters. But there's also frustration among those who see their government as having failed to meaningfully improve safety standards and hold high-level officials accountable for a disaster blamed in part on incompetence and corruption. Hours before a trip abroad, President Park Geun-hye visited a small port near the site of the sinking to offer her condolences to the bereaved relatives. Most, however, refused to meet her, in protest of the government's handling of the sinking, and had already left the port.

PH says Muslim rebel who backed IS group has died

MANILA, Philippines (AP)—A Muslim rebel chief whose forces in the southern

Philippines have pledged support to the Islamic State group has died following a long ailment and was replaced by a Middle East-trained militant, the Philippine military and insurgents said Wednesday. Ameril Umbra Kato, who had backed al-Qaida-linked militants and opposed peace with the Philippine government, died and was buried Tuesday in the south. He was replaced by his deputy Esmail Abubakar as the new leader of the Bangsamoro Islamic Freedom Movement. Military chief of staff Gen. Gregorio Pio Catapang urged Kato's estimated 100-150 fighters to rejoin the main Muslim rebel group that signed a peace deal with the government last year, or face a continuing manhunt and assaults.

MILAN (AP)—The feared drowning of 400 migrants in a shipwreck this week in the Mediterranean Sea—one of the deadliest such tragedies in the last decade—raised alarms Wednesday amid an unprecedented wave of migration toward Europe from Africa and the Middle East.

The U.N. refugee agency expressed shock at the scale of the deaths in Monday's capsizing and renewed calls on European governments to redouble search and rescue efforts, while the International Organization for Migration maintained that the situation had reached "crisis proportions."

The Mediterranean "has emerged as the most dangerous" of four major sea routes used by the world's refugees and migrants, taken by 219,000 people last year, U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres said.

The Italian Coast Guard rescued some 140 people of the coast of Libya on Monday and recovered nine bodies, but could see immediately from the size of the capsized smuggler's boat that there had likely been hundreds more on board.

The rescue was made during a five-day surge that saw Italian ships save nearly 10,000 people at sea since Friday—

an unprecedented rate in such a short period, according to Cmdr. Filippo Marini, a Coast Guard spokesman. The number is only likely to grow, with summer weather encouraging even more people fleeing poverty and conflict to make the perilous crossing.

Survivors of Monday's shipwreck reported that as many as 550 people were on board, according to aid workers.

"Of course this is an estimate. No one who travels knows exactly the number. They don't get a ticket that says: No. 550," said Barbara Molinario, the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees spokeswoman in Italy.



Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director



INVITATION FOR BIDS CUC-IFB-15-016

WATER METER INSTALLATION, SAIPAN

The Office of the Executive Director, Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting competitive sealed bids from qualified firms for Water Meter Installation in Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

This Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity work consists of removal/replacement of failed and non-functioning water meters on the CUC water system, installing meters for customers who do not currently have a water meter on their service line, and relocating water meters to the right-of-way. Payment is only for the items completely installed and accepted by CUC. The duration of the contract is one year (365 calendar days) from date of award with an option to extend for an additional year if exercised by CUC.

This project is funded by the USEPA and the US Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation WaterSMART Water & Energy Efficiency grant.

Prospective Bidders must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division. The Bid Package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays, upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of \$100.00 (non-refundable) for one IFB package set.

One (1) original and Seven (7) hard copies must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC-IFB-15-016, Water Meter Installation, Saipan" to the CUC Procurement & Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O. Box 501229, Saipan, MP 96950, no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 20, 2015**, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. Late submissions and conditional bids will not be considered. Bid shall be submitted on the provided Bid Forms. Bidders are required to complete all Bid Forms. Bidders may supplement the form as appropriate. Bids will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission.

All bidders are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the bidders due to lack of information or understanding of the bid requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a bid under the contract.

A Bid Guarantee of fifteen (15%) percent of the total bid price must accompany the bids. The security deposit may be in cash, certified check, cashier's check, or bid bond executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. A Payment Bond of one hundred (100%) percent and a Performance Bond of one hundred (100%) percent of the total bid price will be required upon the execution of the contract by the successful bidders. The Payment and Performance bond must be executed by a surety company holding a certificate of authority from the United States Secretary of Treasury as an acceptable surety. Surety Company must be authorized to do business in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

All insurers' questions, concerns and qualification shall be handled by the Department of Commerce Office of the Insurance Commissioner (OIC). The OIC is tasked with regulating and monitoring compliance to the CNMI's Insurance Code (Title 4, Division 7). Bidders are required to submit a clearance from the OIC certifying their insurer of choice is in compliance with the CNMI's Insurance Code.

Bidders are required to comply with all CNMI and applicable Federal Laws. This bid and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC Procurement Regulations.

All questions or request for clarification regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than **10:00 AM (ChST) on May 4, 2015** to Manny B. Sablan, Jr., CUC Purchasing Officer, via email - manny.sablan@cucgov.org with a copy to Nicolette Villagomez, CUC Water/Wastewater Junior Engineer - via email nicolette.villagomez@cucgov.org.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any imperfection in the bid proposal in the best interest of the government. All bids shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
Executive Director

MANNY B. SABLAR, Jr.
Purchasing Officer

PUBLIC NOTICE

Department of Community & Cultural Affairs
Division of Historic Preservation
Historic Preservation Fund Grant
Proposed Work Goals for FY 2015

The Division of Historic Preservation (DHP) under the auspices of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, anticipates the receipt of approximately \$410,831 from the U.S. National Park Service for Fiscal Year 2015. This funding is provided to support the Commonwealth's Historic Preservation program and related community activities.

Prior to the submission of the grant application, the Division of Historic Preservation Office (DHP) would like to solicit the community's input or comments on what priorities, concerns, projects, and activities it would like the DHP to undertake.

Your comments is being solicited on the following aspects:

- Areas to focus on this year
- Community projects to fund
- Areas to focus on when publishing ethnographic or archaeological books
- Areas to focus on surveying or identifying cultural materials
- Aspects of the program that need improvement

Your comments is solicited on the following Goals that are proposed for FY 2015.

- Historic Preservation Legislation Evaluation Project
- HPF Grant Program Audit
- Nominate significant sites to the National Register of Historic Places
- Educate the CNMI's children about historic preservation through school visits, lectures and field trips

Interested individuals are invited to submit their comments to the DHP in writing no later than April 24, 2015 addressed to the CNMI State Historic Preservation Officer, Division of Historic Preservation, Dept. of Community and Cultural Affairs, P. O. Box 500090 CK, Saipan, MP 96950, faxed to our office at 664-2139 or sent via e-mail to mtkani@cnmhpo.net or raymuna@gmail.com. Should you have any questions, please visit our office located on Airport Road, between the former MVA Office and the LSG Building or contact us at 664-2120/25.

In addition to written comments, formal public hearings to listen to your concerns and ideas about the historic preservation grant and possible projects or activities will be conducted.

The following is the schedule for the public hearings:

Island	Location	Date	Time
Tinian	Tinian Elementary School	4/17/15	6:00p.m.
Rota	Rota Round House	4/20/15	6:00p.m.
Saipan	Mult Purpose	4/22/15	6:00p.m.

Thank you for your input and participation.

/S/ Mertie T. Kani
CNMI State Historic Preservation Officer

Concurred by: /S/ LAURA T. OGUMORO
SECRETARY, COMMUNITY & CULTURAL AFFAIRS

Off The Wall



Houston hospital says woman has given birth to 5 girls

HOUSTON (AP)—A Houston hospital says a woman has delivered five girls in what it believes is the first set of all-female quintuplets born in the U.S.

The Woman's Hospital of Texas say Danielle Busby had her babies by cesarean section April 8. Doctors say the children, born premature at

28 weeks, were doing well on Wednesday. Dr. Jayne Finkowski-Rivera says the babies are only requiring modest help breathing.

Busby, her husband Adam and her eldest daughter, Blayne, welcomed Olivia Marie, Ava Lane, Hazel Grace, Parker Kate and Riley Paige. Their birth weights ranged from 2 pounds, to 2 pounds 6 ounces.

The family already had one daughter.

Danielle Busby says she never thought she would have six kids—much less six girls. She had intrauterine insemination for both pregnancies.

OFFBEAT BRIEFS

Up with umlauts: Lindstrom, Minnesota, to get its dots back

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP)—Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton is playing punctuation police when it comes to the state's road signs—umlauts included. The governor issued an executive order Wednesday to restore the two small pronunciation marks above the 'o' on the sign outside of Lindström. The dots were removed from the city limit signs recently due to changing federal guidance for signage. The disappearing dots have been a source of frustration for the city, which is dubbed "America's Little Sweden." Lindström is about 40 miles northeast of the Twin Cities. Dayton says he has instructed his Department of Transportation to replace the signs as soon as possible. He says he'll grab a can of white paint and apply the two dots himself if he has to.

Only horse flagged in NCAA game, Rutgers' Lord Nelson, dies

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. (AP)—The only horse to be penalized in a college football game has died. Rutgers University says Lord Nelson was 42, or the human equivalent of 126 years. One of Lord Nelson's duties during his 37-year Rutgers career was carrying the university's Scarlet Knight mascot during football games. It was against Army in 1994 that Lord Nelson was penalized for unsportsmanlike conduct after he broke free and raced down the sideline at Giants Stadium. Lord Nelson was one of the first horses in the university police department's mounted patrol unit when he was purchased in 1978. He served for 10 years before becoming part of a student-run patrol unit for 20 years. He retired as equine professor emeritus in 2000 to teach children about horses. He says it's common for marijuana or treatments for heroin addicts to be sewn into undergarments' seams. Inmates now will have to buy undergarments from the jail's commissary or go without.

In Humble Gratitude

Thank you for grieving with us. Thank you for praying with us and for us. May God's love abound to you today and always, and may His blessings enrich your lives with wisdom, fortitude, and grace.

We, the family of the late

† Justa Quitano Camacho "Nan Tuta"

Wish to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation to our friends and relatives, from near and far, who have unselfishly came to be with us in so many ways expressing words of wisdom, comforted us and embraces us with love as we mourned the untimely passing of our dearly beloved mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Your thoughts and prayers, love and support have helped ease the pain in the loss of our beloved.

Our deepest appreciation to Bishop Emeritus

Tomas A. Camacho for his constant guidance and prayers to our family, Fr Issac M. Ayuyu for his assistance and spiritual needs of our beloved mother and especially for presiding over the Mass of Christian Burial. Thank you to Fr. Kenneth Hezel, SJ, Fr. James S. Balajadia, Fr. Rey Rozal, and Fr. Jesse Reyes for assisting in the Eucharistic Celebration. Thank you for the services of the Cathedral Altar Servers and Tan Ko Palacios.

Our appreciation to the Olomwaay Family Choir under the direction of Mr. Gus Kaipat for the beautiful serenade during the viewing and most especially during the Eucharistic Celebration and Mr. and Mrs. Manny Mangarero and group.

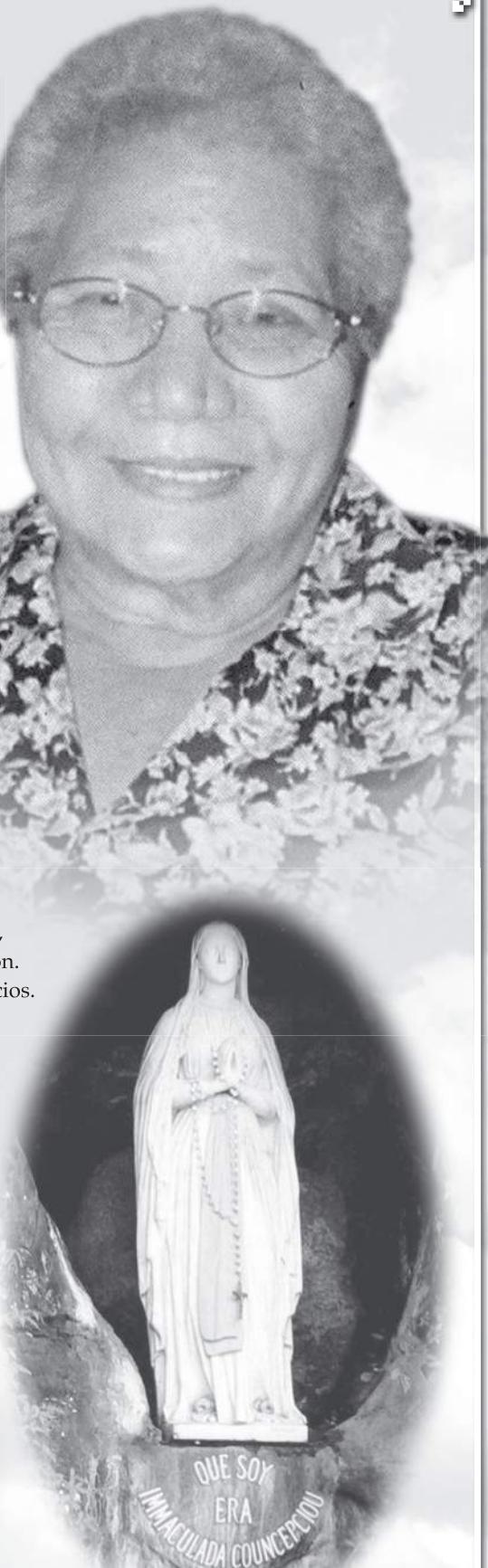
Our heartfelt appreciation to our techa, Ms. Eleanor S. Cruz for reciting the nightly rosary. To the members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers and Ms. Dorothy Muna for leading us during the Last Rosary.

To Dr. Ben Aldan, the doctors, nurses, and staff of CHCC – Thank you for the care and compassion extended to our beloved.

Sen dangkulu na Si Yu'us Ma'ase para todos I humasuye ham parehu-ha fi finattyon miyu yan lokkue gi tinayuyut miyu. In sen ga'um I korason mame nu I man sen dangkulu na ayudu yan suppotasian. Puedi si Yu'us u benendise hamyo, puedi si Yu'us in fan inina ni, dangkulun Gracia-na. Puede un nina'e yan I familian-mu PAS.

Children and Families of the late † Vidal Acosta Camacho and † Justa Quitano Camacho
Elena Quitano Sablan

Our Lady of Lourdes
Pray For Us



Science & Technology

Tips for charging your phone in a hurry

By JIM ROSSMAN
THE DALLAS MORNING NEWS

So you're leaving for an all-day outing in 30 minutes and your phone has only 22 percent of its battery left.

What do you do?

Plug it in of course, but is there anything you can do to maximize the amount of charge you'll get in such a short time?

Sure, if you are prepared.

First, don't use the phone when you're charging it.

It goes without saying the screen takes up the most power, so keeping the screen off while you charge will speed things along.

Also, putting your phone in airplane mode will turn off all the radios, so your phone isn't searching for a Wi-Fi signal or even available to take calls.

If you can, charge from a wall plug and not a computer's USB port. Most computers don't put out enough power to charge your phone at its fastest rate.

There are some exceptions to this rule. Current model Macintosh computers can recognize a connected iPhone and boost the USB port power

to charge it faster.

Use a wall charger that can provide as much power as the phone can take. I use a charger from Anker that has five USB ports and can charge quickly from every port.

Look for a charger that's designed to give at least 2 amps per port.

Sometimes you'll see a charger with two USB ports and only one is labeled as providing 2 amps, which is what most tablets need to charge.

Most cellphones will charge faster when plugged into the 2 amp port.

Most of us have a charger for our cars, so make sure you keep the phone plugged in when you're driving.

I have a car charger in my bag that has multiple USB ports, so if I'm a passenger, I can ask the driver to plug in my phone and offer other passengers a charge opportunity as well.

Finally, external batteries can save the day. Find a battery you like and slip it in your pocket when you need a boost.

I gave my wife a battery that slips into her wallet like a credit card. She uses it all the time.

TECH Q & A

How a single small component can ruin a PC

By STEVE ALEXANDER
STAR TRIBUNE (MINNEAPOLIS)

Q: When we lost our Internet connection, we took our 2006 Dell Dimension E510 PC to two repair shops. Both said the PC's main circuit board had to be replaced because it had a single "blown" capacitor that had controlled the Internet connection. I hate to lose a PC because of one capacitor. Is there a workaround?—Wyn Coates, Covington, La.

A: No, the repair shops are correct. The loss of a capacitor worth about a dollar has rendered your PC's main circuit board worthless. Why? Main circuit board components can't be serviced individually unless you're an expert with special equipment.

What would cause this to happen? Capacitors are designed to store small amounts of electrical charge. If your PC had encountered a power surge from an electrical outlet, multiple capacitors on the circuit board would have been destroyed. The fact that only one failed means that particular component was flawed.

You could buy a replacement main circuit board (also called a motherboard) for \$100 to \$120 plus shipping

Facebook Messenger apps seek to infuse emotion into texts

By QUEENIE WONG
SAN JOSE MERCURY NEWS

SAN JOSE, Calif.—Instant messages can feel trite and impersonal, but new apps can make it easier to express emotions beyond a text or emoji.

Facebook recently opened up Messenger to app developers, and there are already more than 40 ways for people to show their feelings with the click of a button. Want to make someone smile or laugh? Send a GIF or e-card. Feeling old? Create a selfie with wrin-

kles. Got the urge to serenade a lover? Turn text into a song. Angry or frustrated? Add fire effects to an image.

It may seem like silly fun, but companies that created these apps say they're also part of an effort to breathe emotion into electronic communication that can feel impersonal and cripplie face-to-face conversations.

Magisto CEO and co-founder Oren Boiman has seen it happen in restaurants where two people are sitting next to one another, but their eyes are fixated on their smartphones

as they text. When you converse, Boiman said, it's about more than just the words—there is also emotion conveyed through hand gestures and facial expressions.

"There's almost a battle to restore everything that we lost. Plain text is in a way the most efficient and the worst way of communication," he said.

It's also hard to read emotion through an instant message, he said. Even the phrase "You're really funny, you know?" is ambiguous in a text where sarcasm is hard to read. So the Menlo Park com-

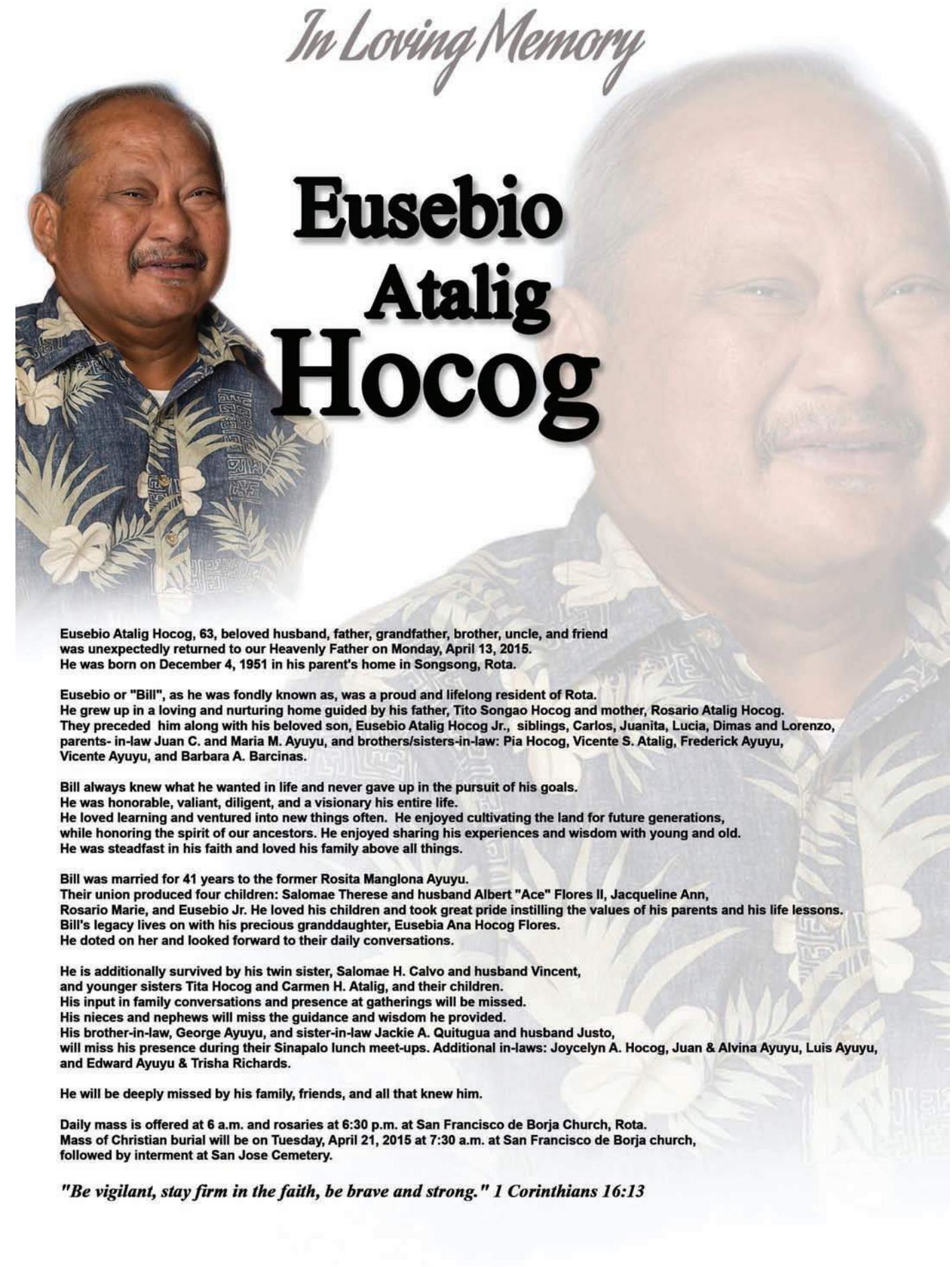
pany developed an app for Messenger called Magisto Shot, which Boiman said is meant to help people show how they feel.

You can take a photo, select a "vibe"—such as happy, sad, scary, love, hyper, funny and scary—and Magisto Shot then adds music, filters and effects based on the mood, turning the image into a short video you can send via Messenger.

"We want to help people express things that we almost forgot that we do with human communication," Boiman said.

In Loving Memory

Eusebio Atalig Hocog



Eusebio Atalig Hocog, 63, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend was unexpectedly returned to our Heavenly Father on Monday, April 13, 2015. He was born on December 4, 1951 in his parent's home in Songsong, Rota.

Eusebio or "Bill", as he was fondly known as, was a proud and lifelong resident of Rota. He grew up in a loving and nurturing home guided by his father, Tito Songao Hocog and mother, Rosario Atalig Hocog. They preceded him along with his beloved son, Eusebio Atalig Hocog Jr., siblings, Carlos, Juanita, Lucia, Dimas and Lorenzo, parents-in-law Juan C. and Maria M. Ayuyu, and brothers/sisters-in-law: Pia Hocog, Vicente S. Atalig, Frederick Ayuyu, Vicente Ayuyu, and Barbara A. Barcina.

Bill always knew what he wanted in life and never gave up in the pursuit of his goals. He was honorable, valiant, diligent, and a visionary his entire life. He loved learning and ventured into new things often. He enjoyed cultivating the land for future generations, while honoring the spirit of our ancestors. He enjoyed sharing his experiences and wisdom with young and old. He was steadfast in his faith and loved his family above all things.

Bill was married for 41 years to the former Rosita Manglona Ayuyu. Their union produced four children: Salomae Therese and husband Albert "Ace" Flores II, Jacqueline Ann, Rosario Marie, and Eusebio Jr. He loved his children and took great pride instilling the values of his parents and his life lessons. Bill's legacy lives on with his precious granddaughter, Eusebia Ana Hocog Flores. He doted on her and looked forward to their daily conversations.

He is additionally survived by his twin sister, Salomae H. Calvo and husband Vincent, and younger sisters Tita Hocog and Carmen H. Atalig, and their children. His input in family conversations and presence at gatherings will be missed. His nieces and nephews will miss the guidance and wisdom he provided. His brother-in-law, George Ayuyu, and sister-in-law Jackie A. Quitugua and husband Justo, will miss his presence during their Sinapalo lunch meet-ups. Additional in-laws: Joycelyn A. Hocog, Juan & Alvina Ayuyu, Luis Ayuyu, and Edward Ayuyu & Trisha Richards.

He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all that knew him.

Daily mass is offered at 6 a.m. and rosaries at 6:30 p.m. at San Francisco de Borja Church, Rota. Mass of Christian burial will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:30 a.m. at San Francisco de Borja church, followed by interment at San Jose Cemetery.

"Be vigilant, stay firm in the faith, be brave and strong." 1 Corinthians 16:13

Life & Style

Supermodel Gisele takes her last stroll down the catwalk

SAO PAULO (AP)—Gisele Bundchen bid adieu to the catwalk Wednesday night, strutting her stuff at an emotionally charged show in Sao Paulo that she said will be her last stroll down a runway in a 20-year career that has made her a fashion legend.

The 34-year-old Brazilian mother of two, who is married to NFL quarterback Tom Brady, has said she wants to spend more time with her family but has also vowed to continue working in the industry. Brady was on hand for Bundchen's final appearance, competing with his wife for the cameras' attention as he took in the spectacle from the first row.

As the world's highest-paid model, according to a 2014 ranking by Forbes magazine, Bundchen is the face of Chanel, Carolina Herrera, Pantene and other top brands. She also designs her own line of flip flops and lingerie.

A household name the world over, Bundchen rivals soccer legend Pele for the status of Brazil's most internationally famous citizen, and her meteoric rise from a middle-class family in a small, rural town to superstar is the stuff of modeling legend.

In a posting Wednesday on her Instagram account, Bundchen wrote, "Today after 20 years in the industry, it is a privilege to be doing my last fashion show by choice and yet still be working in other facets of the business."

"I am grateful that at 14, I was given the opportunity to start this journey," she wrote.

In an interview broadcast on the Globo television network Wednesday, she compared her life to a cup of water filled to the brim.

"If your cup is full, how are you going to put more into it?" she said in Portuguese. "I'm emptying my cup so I can put more things into it."

Bundchen made her final catwalk appearance during Sao Paulo Fash-

ion Week for Colcci, the Brazilian streetwear label she has represented since 2005. She made three appearances, opening the show in an A-line dress in white lace and lacey, knee-high black boots and closing it in a sundress with a full skirt in ivory and salmon stripes.

For the final bow, a bevy of models emerged in jeans and T-shirts printed with Bundchen's image, and Bundchen herself wove her way through the pack, sporting painted-on jeans and a top depicting her in a yoga pose. Fighting back tears, she flashed her trademark broad smile and a thumbs-up.

In an interview earlier this week with the newspaper *Estado de S. Paulo*, Bundchen was quoted as saying she wanted her last runway experience to be in her native Bra-



AP

Brazilian supermodel Gisele Bundchen wears a creation from the Colcci Summer collection at Sao Paulo Fashion Week in Sao Paulo, Brazil, Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

zil, "where it all started."

She was born and raised along with five sisters, including a fraternal twin, in the southern state of Rio Grande do Sul, a center of German immigration to Brazil. Bundchen was discovered by a modeling agency at age 14 and she came in second place in a nationwide modeling contest, before moving to New York to work the fashion runways there.

By age 20, she'd become a fashion sensation, her freckled face and flowing dirty blond locks gracing the cover of top fashion magazines worldwide and her unique combination of legginess and curves causing a sensation during her runway appearances. Bundchen's success with her healthy good looks was heralded as marking the end of the sickly skinny and bedraggled "heroin chic" look that had dominated runways for years.

Her romantic life was regularly splashed across gossip magazines, as she was romantically linked to a series of A-listers, from surfer Kelly Slater to actor Leonardo DiCaprio. In 2009, she married New England Patriots quarterback Brady. The couple has two children.

Last year, she out-earned Brady, netting an estimated \$47 million on contracts, according to Forbes. The next highest-earning models on the Forbes celebrity list, Doutzen Kroes of the Netherlands and fellow Brazilian Adriana Lima, earned \$8 million each, according to the magazine.

\$400,000 in art stolen from 'Simpsons' creator's foundation

MALIBU, Calif. (AP)—Authorities are asking the public's help in finding two paintings—one of them by famed American Roy Lichtenstein—that were stolen from a Malibu foundation established by the late co-creator of "The Simpsons."

City News Service says the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department issued the call Wednesday as it tries to find artworks valued at \$400,000.

They were reported stolen last Friday from the Sam Simon Foundation.

Simon was 59 when he died in March from cancer.

He left "The Simpsons" after its fourth season under a deal that rewarded him with ongoing royalties from the show. He then channeled much of his personal fortune to philanthropy.

His foundation rescues dogs from animal shelters and trains them to assist the disabled.

COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION, PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM P.O. BOX 501370 CK, SAIPAN, MP 96950 HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE



JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT PROMOTIONAL OPPORTUNITY (OPEN COMPETITIVE) EXAMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

It is the policy of the State Board of Education, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, that the Public School System's Human Resources shall be applied and administered according to the principles of equal employment opportunity as defined by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Public Law 6 - 10, regardless of age, race, sex, religion, political affiliation or belief, marital status, disability or place of origin. Applicants for positions must be a U.S. Citizen or be eligible and authorized to work in the U.S., including the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

Location	Discipline	Total Positions	JVA No:	Opening:	Closing:
Garapan Elementary School	Classroom Teacher • Elementary Education (4th - 6th Grade)	1	PSS-2015-143	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
William S. Reyes Elementary School	Classroom Teacher • Elementary Education (1st and 2nd Grade)	2	PSS-2015-142	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
Sinapalo Elementary School	Classroom Teacher • Elementary Education (3rd Grade)	1	PSS-2015-137	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
Chacha Oceanview Middle School	Classroom Teacher (ReAnnouncement) • Social Studies (World Geography/Ancient History)	1	PSS-2015-140	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
Tinian Jr. Sr. High School	Classroom Teacher • Mathematics (Algebra I & II/Geometry)	1	PSS-2015-148	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
Saipan Southern High School	Classroom Teacher • English (10th and 11th Grade)	1	PSS-2015-161	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
Kagman High School	Classroom Teacher • Social Studies (World/U.S. History)	1	PSS-2015-161	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
Tanapag Middle School	Classroom Teacher • Language Arts (10th and 12th Grade)	2	PSS-2015-138	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
Marianas High School	Classroom Teacher • Mathematics (Geometry)	1	PSS-2015-138	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
	Classroom Teacher • Language Arts (Fine Arts)	1	PSS-2015-147	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
	Classroom Teacher • Cooperative Education,	1	PSS-2015-145	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
	Classroom Teacher • Language Arts (9th - 12th Grade)	1	PSS-2015-145	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015
	Classroom Teacher • Mathematics (Algebra I & II/Geometry)	1	PSS-2015-145	April 10, 2015	April 24, 2015

Classroom Teachers Minimum Requirements:

Graduation from U.S. accredited college or university with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher Degree. Pass PRAXIS I (PPST-Pre-Professional Skills Tests) & Pass appropriate PRAXIS II Content Knowledge Test. Must have a valid CNMI Basic I Teaching Certificate or higher.

For all other vacancies, please view the specific Job Vacancy Announcements as posted on the PSS Website at <http://www.cnmpss.org/jva/>.

INTERESTED APPLICANTS MAY OBTAIN A DETAILED JOB DESCRIPTION WITH QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION FORMS AT THE PSS HUMAN RESOURCES OFFICE AT THE 1st FLOOR CNMI PSS CENTRAL OFFICE BUILDING, BWUGHOS STREET, SUSUPE. For more information please call Tel # (670) 237-3059/52/31/79, or send an email to psshr@cnmpss.org. You may download applications and forms online at <http://www.cnmpss.org> ON THE WORLDWIDE WEB.

SNL's rich portrayals of hilarious Hillary Clintons

By DANIEL BUBBEO
NEWSDAY

Hillary Rodham Clinton has thrown her hat into the 2016 presidential ring, and "Saturday Night Live" has picked it up. Kate McKinnon has already gotten everyone's vote with her dead-on impersonation of the White House hopeful. ("Citizens, you will elect me! I will be your leader," she bellowed in the April 11 episode.)

Of course, McKinnon isn't the first of the many funny females of "SNL" to take a swipe or two at Clinton. Here are

some others who brought hilarity to Hillary.

AMY POEHLER

The "Parks and Recreation" star nailed Clinton's look, speech and demeanor in her "SNL" sketches. Her shining moment came when Poehler was paired with Tina Fey as Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin in the show's sketches during the 2008 presidential campaign. In her 2014 memoir "Yes Please," Poehler said she loved playing Clinton as a "highly focused and slightly angry woman who was tired of being the smartest

person in the room."

JAN HOOKS

In the '90s, Hooks' portrayal of the then-first lady was tinged with more artificial sweetness than a packet of Splenda. Many of the Hooks skits played off the idea of keeping Clinton in her place lest she had any thoughts of taking control of the White House from her husband.

ANA GASTEYER

From the late '90s to the early 2000s, Gasteyer played a smile-free version of Clinton

ing to White's website.

The five upcoming performances will be White's first acoustic-only shows. Joining him will be fiddler Fats Kaplin, singer-fiddler Lillie Mae Rische and bass guitarist Dominic Davis.

The quartet will use ribbon microphones, a technology dating to the 1920s that remains valued for its amplification characteristics.

White's publicist, Michele Hug, declined to provide more details Wednesday about the shows or why White is planning a break from touring.

White has been touring since he released his second solo album, the Grammy-nominated "Lazaretto," last summer. His last as-yet officially scheduled show will be Saturday at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, California.

White and now ex-wife, Meg White, launched the White Stripes in the late 1990s. The duo's bluesy, garage-rock sound won wide acclaim within just a couple years.

who served as the voice of reason, in contrast to her immature husband played amusingly by Darrell Hammond. Gasteyer could always be found rolling her eyes whenever Hammond's Bill Clinton did something utterly juvenile, which was often.

(Hammond reprised that role in McKinnon's Hillary sketch on April 11.)

VANESSA BAYER

Bayer's Hillary had a perpetual smile that belied a barracuda. Case in point: Last season

she and Sasheer Zamata (as Michelle Obama) starred in a funny sketch in which their Happy Mother's Day message to America turned into a challenge routine over who was the more impactful first lady. Oh, mama!

Jack White plans break from touring after 5 acoustic shows

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP)—Rocker Jack White says he's about to take a long break from performing live but not before holding five shows in the five states where he hasn't yet played.

The former White Stripes frontman isn't saying which states those are but speculation

is widespread the performances will take place in Alaska, Idaho, the Dakotas and Wyoming.

The performances will be announced at 8 a.m., local time, on the day of the show. Tickets will cost just \$3, be limited to one per person and available only at the venue door starting at noon on the day of the show, accord-



In this Feb. 6, 2015 file photo, Jack White performs at the 2015 MusiCares Person of the Year show at the Los Angeles Convention Center in Los Angeles.

Friend's food criticism is hard for couple to swallow

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I have a friend, "Jonah," whom we love dearly, but he has no filter. He's college-educated, has a white-collar job and is over 50. The problem is, anytime we invite him for dinner or take food items to his house, he makes horrible remarks about my wife's cooking, particularly when it's a holiday party based on my wife's Slavic heritage.

My wife is a really good cook. No one else makes fun of these foods, many of which are common in the U.S., but Jonah makes negative comments every time. I have told him that it's rude, and so has my wife.

We would hate not inviting him to future parties with our usual crowd, but it gets me upset when he does this. My wife has actually prepared an alternative meal for him so he won't have to eat the "heritage-style" food. He even makes snide comments when I bring foods popular in other parts of the U.S.

Abby, do we continue inviting him or not? It is straining our friendship.

IN A FOOD FIGHT IN NEW HAMPSHIRE

DEAR IN A FOOD FIGHT: Because Jonah has indicated that he doesn't like the food at your parties, stop inviting him. And because he doesn't appreciate the effort when you bring regional food to his home, stop doing that, too. If he asks why he wasn't included, feel free to give him an "unfiltered" answer. If you visit him, bring a generic house gift, such as nuts, a box of candy, a bottle of wine. If he doesn't accept it graciously, stop doing that, too.

With a "friend" like Jonah, it would be better to socialize at a restaurant that serves food he does like, or at an activity that doesn't revolve around food. I am amazed that you have tolerated his behavior this long.

DEAR ABBY: My wife has gained a little weight and has become self-conscious about how she looks. I have told her she's still beautiful. We haven't been intimate in three months and I think it's because she's afraid I won't like how different she looks without clothes.

I don't know how to tell her that my love for her isn't based on her physical beauty. It's based on who she is as a person. THAT'S what is beautiful to me. Do you have any feedback for me?

LOVING HER IN LOUISIANA

DEAR LOVING HER: Before jumping to conclusions about why you and your wife haven't been intimate, I think you should ask her directly. It may have nothing to do with her weight—and it could be something she should discuss with her gynecologist.

Of course, it never hurts to tell a woman that she's beautiful because of who she is in your eyes and that she always will be. It's a song we women never tire of hearing—and the chorus is always welcome music.

DEAR ABBY: My husband helps with the kids and with the housework. But he never remembers holidays and special occa-

gill and Scholey promised in a statement. The series is intended to wow "global audiences with the wonder and importance of the natural world," they said.

World Wildlife Fund is opening its projects in protected areas to Silverback Films and will join with the company to create multimedia storytelling on WWF's website and other platforms.

The series will introduce viewers to fragile habitats and "precious species" and comes at a critical time for global conservation, said Colin Butfield, WWF executive producer.

GLAAD study finds studio movies lagging in LGBT roles

NEW YORK (AP)—An annual study by GLAAD has found that Hollywood studios continue to lag in producing films representing gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender people, despite a slight improvement over the last year.

Examining the 114 films released by the seven largest movie studios in 2014, the study found that 17.5 percent of them included characters identified as lesbian, gay or bisexual. There were no identifiably transgender characters. The findings, released Wednesday, are a slight uptick from the 16.7 percent of "inclusive" movies from 2013.

But GLAAD, which promotes LGBT media represen-

tation, said that the majority of gay, lesbian or bisexual roles were minor and many were defined largely by their sexuality. Sarah Kate Ellis, president and CEO of GLAAD, called on Hollywood to do better.

"As television and streaming services continue to produce a remarkable breadth of diverse LGBT representations, we still struggle to find depictions anywhere near as authentic or meaningful in mainstream Hollywood film," said Ellis. "The industry continues to look increasingly out of touch by comparison, and still doesn't represent the full diversity of the American cultural fabric."

Hollywood has come under

increasing scrutiny for the diversity found in its biggest releases. Other studies have been critical of the disproportionate representation of black, Hispanic and Asian characters in studio-distributed films. The issue drew particular attention in February's Academy Awards, which notoriously featured only white acting nominees.

GLAAD has been examining studio output for the last three years. It looks at releases from Warner Bros., Paramount Pictures, 20th Century Fox, Universal Pictures, Sony Pictures, The Walt Disney Co. and Lionsgate. Warner Bros. was the only studio to receive a "good" score from the group.

DEAR ABBY

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sions. We have been married 15 years.

I have talked to him about how hurtful this is, but it never helps. I want him to think about me and put some effort into getting me something. My friends say, "How can you complain? He helps you do housework!" What do you think?

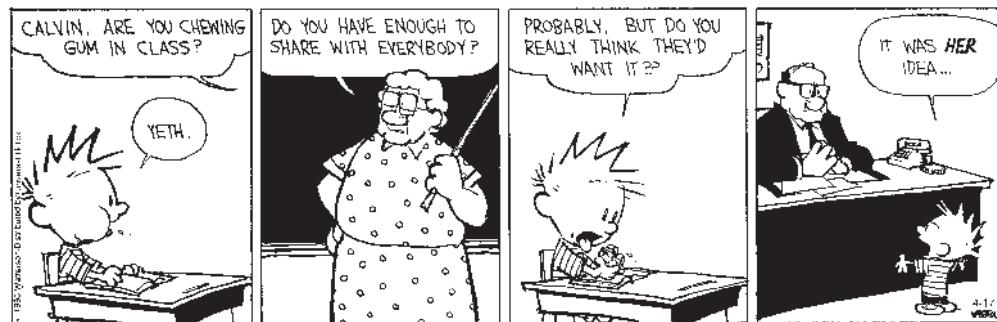
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DEAR WIFE: If the problem is that your husband doesn't know what to buy for you, offer some suggestions. If he simply can't remember the date—and some spouses don't—start "reminding" him a week in advance. If he still doesn't "pop," then appreciate the fact that you have a husband who tries every day to show you he loves you by making your life easier. Many women are not so lucky.

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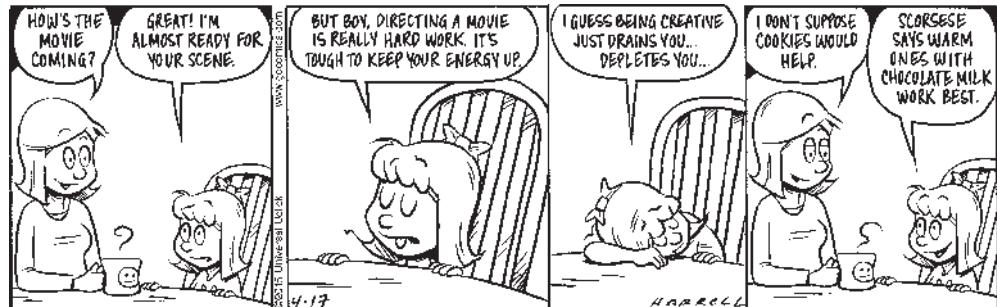
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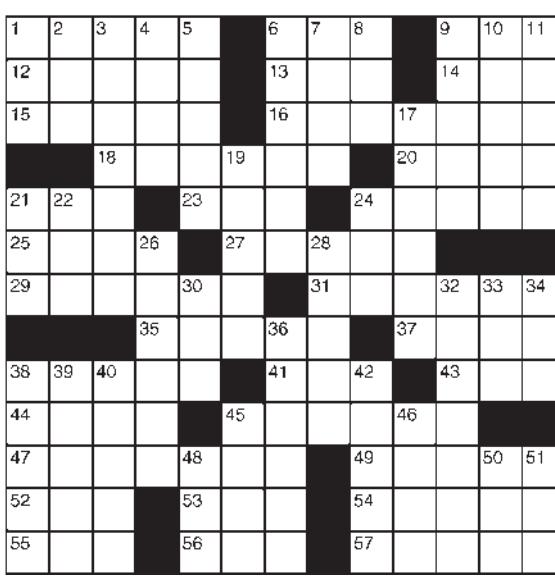
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Davis leads Pelicans past Spurs, 108-103, and into playoffs



NEW ORLEANS (AP)—After Anthony Davis' final flurry of clutch shots, blocks and rebounds ensured the Pelicans' first postseason berth since before he was drafted, the 22-year-old All-Star known as the "unibrow" was ready to admit how much it meant to him.

"Honestly, I know I all told ya'll before this game it didn't mean nothing, but I tried to downplay it because I didn't want to get too excited," Davis said. "It meant a lot—and we played like it meant something."

"We played our hearts out."

In the biggest game of his three-year NBA career, Davis had 31 points and 13 rebounds, and the New Orleans earned its first playoff berth since 2011 with a 108-103 victory over San Antonio on Wednesday night.

Davis, who'll make his playoff debut against Golden State next weekend, came through in the waning minutes with a pair of clutch jumpers, two blocks and two rebounds to prevent the Spurs from pulling off a 23-point comeback.

"We went to A.D. down the stretch and he came through on both ends of the floor," Pelicans coach Monty Williams said, calling Davis' block of Boris Diaw's late shot "phenomenal."

Tony Parker had 23 points and Diaw 20 for San Antonio, which needed to win to secure the second seed in the Western Conference playoffs.

The loss ended the Spurs' 11-game winning streak and prevented them from winning their fifth straight Southwest Division title. Instead, they dropped down to the sixth seed because Houston and Memphis won.

"It's been a crazy season, crazy West," Parker said. "We had a good opportunity, winning 11 games in a row and in second place" in the West entering the last game.

Tyreke Evans had 19 points and 11 assists, and Eric Gordon added 14 points for New Orleans, which had to win to make the postseason because Oklahoma City also won in Minnesota. The teams finished with identical records, but the Pelicans held the tiebreaker by virtue of winning three of four against the Thunder, including one victory on Davis' last-second 3 in Oklahoma City.

Jrue Holiday, in only his third game back from a lower right leg injury that sidelined him three months, added 11 points, capped by clutch free throws with 9.5 seconds left.

Spurs coach Gregg Popovich didn't seem to take the loss too hard. He walked toward New Orleans' bench to find his former player and assistant, Pelicans coach Monty Williams, and allowed a slight smile during an extended embrace. Several players also sought out Williams to congratulate him.

"We're happy for him, very happy for him," Tim Duncan said about Williams. "He's worked his butt off over these past couple years. ... Obviously, I wanted to win and that didn't change anything, but I guess I get some solace in the fact that he made the playoffs."

Duncan had 15 points and 10 rebounds, while Kawhi Leonard added 14 points and 10 rebounds for the Spurs.

While New Orleans controlled most of the first three quarters, leading by 23 in the second and as much as 18 in the third, back-to-back 3s by Manu Gin

bili and Patty Mills cut it to 82-71 heading into the fourth.

Then Mills hit a jumper as he was fouled just seconds into the final period, cutting it to eight.

The crowd's transition from jubilation to tension was evident when Diaw's driving layup pulled the Spurs as close as 86-82 with 7:38 left, but the Pelicans responded with the resilience that had gotten them this far.

They came up with a series of defensive stops, and driving layups by Gordon and Evans helped push their lead back to 11.

"Since I've been in the league, I haven't had a chance to play for anything, so tonight I wasn't going to let nothing take it away," said Evans, who like Gordon and Davis had never been on a playoff team.

Gordon later added a clutch 3, and Davis a baseline jumper as the shot clock expired with 1:36 left to keep the Spurs at arm's length.

Thunder 138, Timberwolves 113

In Minneapolis, Russell Westbrook scored 37 points in Oklahoma City's victory over Minnesota that was rendered moot by New Orleans' playoff-clinching win over San Antonio.

The Thunder needed to a win in the regular-season finale and a loss from the Pelicans to make the playoffs. Westbrook locked up his first scoring title to hold up his end of the bargain, but the Pelicans beat the Spurs. That means the Thunder will miss the playoffs for the first time since Westbrook's rookie season in 2008-09.

Andrew Wiggins had 23 points and six rebounds for the Timberwolves (16-66), who finished with the worst record in the league. They will have a 25 percent chance at the No. 1 draft pick when the NBA lottery is held on May 19.

Nets 101, Magic 88

In New York, Brooklyn clinched the final Eastern Conference playoff spot, beating Orlando and getting help when Memphis knocked off Indiana.

The Nets and Pacers tied at 38-44, and Brooklyn earned the No. 8 seed after winning the season series. The Nets will visit top-seeded Atlanta on Sunday for their playoff opener. If Indiana won, the Nets would have missed the postseason for the first time since moving to Brooklyn in 2012.

Rookie Bojan Bogdanovic scored a career-high 28 points for Brooklyn.

Nikola Vucevic had 26 points and 11 rebounds for the Magic.

Grizzlies 95, Pacers 83

In Memphis, Tennessee, Marc Gasol had 33 points and 13 rebounds as Memphis ended Indiana's playoff hopes.

Memphis earned the Western Conference's fifth seed with the victory and home-court advantage in a series with fourth-seeded Portland, winners of the Northwest Division.

Zach Randolph finished with 18 points for the Grizzlies.

C.J. Miles led the Pacers with 26 points, while George Hill added 20, but Indiana was edged out by Brooklyn for the final playoff spot in the Eastern Conference.

Warriors 133, Nuggets 126

In Oakland, California, Klay Thompson scored 25 points before resting in the second half as Golden State



New Orleans Pelicans forward Anthony Davis dunks during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the San Antonio Spurs in New Orleans, Wednesday, April 15, 2015.

wrapped up the best regular season in club history.

Starters on both sides rested most of the game, with the Warriors tuning up for the playoffs and Denver long out of contention. The biggest developments for Golden State, which secured home-court advantage throughout the playoffs a couple weeks ago, came on the out-of-town scoreboard.

The top-seeded Warriors (67-15) learned they'll face New Orleans in the first round after the Pelicans beat San Antonio to clinch a postseason berth. Game 1 of the best-of-seven series is Saturday in Oakland.

Denver (30-52) ended with a loss to the Warriors for the third straight season, including the first round of the 2013 playoffs.

Rockets 117, Jazz 91

In Houston, James Harden had 16 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists in just three quarters for his fourth triple-double of the season as Houston never trailed against Utah.

Houston won the Southwest Division and got the No. 2 seed in the Western Conference when San Antonio lost to New Orleans a few minutes later. The Rockets will face No. 7 seed Dallas in the first round.

Harden's four triple-doubles this season are the most by a Rocket since Hakeem Olajuwon also had four in 1989-90.

Bryce Cotton had 14 points for the Jazz.

Mavericks 114, Trail Blazers 98

In Dallas, Tyson Chandler had 22 points and 15 rebounds as Dallas beat Portland.

The Mavericks (50-32) have been locked into the seventh seed in the Western Conference for a week. They

had to wait until the final night of the regular season to find out their opponent, which was settled with the Rockets' win over Utah and San Antonio's loss to New Orleans.

The Blazers (51-31) have the fourth seed as Northwest Division champions but will open the postseason on the road against the No. 5 seed, either San Antonio or Memphis.

LaMarcus Aldridge led Portland with 19 points after missing two games with a left foot sprain.

Cavaliers 113, Wizards 108, OT

In Cleveland, LeBron James sat out Cleveland's regular-season finale to rest for the playoffs as the Cavaliers rallied to beat Washington.

James spent the night dressed as if he was headed to a business meeting, not the postseason, and the Cavs only played their other starters in the first half.

Matthew Dellavedova had 18 points and 12 assists for Cleveland. His two free throws with 9.1 seconds gave Cleveland a 111-108 lead, and Shawn Marion sealed it with a steal and dunk.

Martell Webster scored 20 points for the Wizards.

Raptors 92, Hornets 87

In Toronto, Kyle Lowry scored 26 points and Toronto wrapped up the regular season with their club record 49th victory, beating Charlotte.

Jonas Valanciunas added 18 points, DeMar DeRozan had 16 and Terrence Ross 13 for the Raptors. They will open the playoffs at home Saturday against Washington.

Troy Daniels scored a season-high 24 points for Charlotte. Kemba Walker had 17 points, and Gerald Henderson 15 for the Hornets. They lost their last six games to finish at 33-29.

Bulls 91, Hawks 85

In Chicago, Aaron Brooks scored 23 points and Chicago rallied from 18 down to beat Atlanta.

The Bulls locked up the third seed in the Eastern Conference and a first-round matchup with Milwaukee with their fourth straight win. The Hawks, who won a franchise-record 60 games and earned the top seed, matched a season high with their third straight loss.

Jimmy Butler scored 21 points, Pau Gasol added 18 points and 13 rebounds for his 54th double-double, and the Bulls hit the 50-win mark.

Dennis Schroder came off the bench to score 21 points for Atlanta.

Celtics 105, Bucks 100

In Milwaukee, Gigi Datome scored 22 points, including two key baskets in the final 3 minutes, as Boston ended the regular season with its sixth straight victory.

Kelly Olynyk added 16 for the Celtics, the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference playoffs.

Ersan Ilyasova had 21 to lead Milwaukee, the sixth seed in the East.

Kings 122, Lakers 99

In Los Angeles, Ben McLemore scored 24 points and Derrick Williams added 22 as Sacramento sent Los Angeles to the worst record in club history.

Ray McCallum had 19 points for Sacramento, which missed the playoffs for the ninth consecutive year. The Kings (29-53) finished with one more victory than they managed in each of the previous two seasons by sweeping a season-ending, two-game series with their once-mighty California rivals.

Jabari Brown scored 32 points for the Lakers, who dressed only eight players for the final game in their 21-61 season. That's the worst in the 16-time champions' history by both losses and winning percentage. Los Angeles lost eight of its final nine games.

Pistons 112, Knicks 90

In New York, Reggie Jackson had 24 points and 11 assists as Detroit beat New York.

Andre Drummond and Kentavious Caldwell-Pope each had 17 points for Detroit.

Tim Hardaway Jr. led the Knicks with 25 points, and Cole Aldrich added a career-high 24.

The Pistons (32-50) finished with their most wins since going 39-43 in 2008-09, the last season that they made the playoffs. The Knicks (17-65) set a franchise record for fewest wins and finished with the second-worst record in the NBA. They have a 19.9 percent chance of getting the first pick in the lottery and can't pick lower than fifth.

Heat 105, 76ers 101

In Philadelphia, Henry Walker hit the go-ahead 3-pointer with 9 seconds left as Miami ended the season with two wins in one game.

The Heat's win paired with Brooklyn's win meant Miami is all but assured of keeping its top-10 draft pick. If Miami owns the No. 10 pick or better after the draft lottery, the Heat keep that selection.

Had the Heat lost and the pick fell to 11th or worse, it would have gone to Philadelphia under the conditions of a trade. The 76ers have a slim chance of earning that pick if a team from 11 to 14 jumps the Heat in the lottery.

Trout, Angels wrap up series with 10-2 win at Texas



ARLINGTON, Texas (AP)—Mike Trout had three hits, scored twice and drove in a run to back another win in Texas for Hector Santiago as the Los Angeles Angels beat the Rangers 10-2 in a series finale Wednesday.

Santiago (1-1) allowed one run and four hits over seven innings, improving to 4-0 with a 2.15 ERA in five career starts at Texas.

Los Angeles scored six runs in the second off Anthony Ranaudo (0-1), who made his Texas debut while starting in place of injured Derek Holland.

Twins 3, Royals 1

In Minneapolis, Kansas City became the last team in the majors to lose this season, as Kyle Gibson pitched into the seventh inning and Oswaldo Arcia hit a two-run homer for the Twins in a victory over the Royals.

The Royals (7-1) were chasing the 2003 team's 9-0 start as the best in franchise history, but Gibson (1-1) used 12 groundball outs and three strikeouts to keep the highest-scoring team in the majors quiet for a night.

Tigers 1, Pirates 0

In Pittsburgh, Alfredo Simon gave up two hits over eight dominant innings, and the Tigers beat the Pirates.

Rajai Davis hit a leadoff homer in the sixth against Francisco Liriano (0-1) as Detroit shut out Pittsburgh for the second straight day. Joakim Soria worked a perfect ninth for his fourth save while filling in for injured Joe Nathan.

Dodgers 5, Mariners 2

In Los Angeles, Brett Anderson posted his first victory with the Dodgers, Scott

Van Slyke hit a two-run double, and the two-time defending NL West champions completed a three-game sweep of the Mariners.

Anderson (1-0) allowed two runs—one earned—and six hits over five innings and struck out three in the annual Civil Rights Game, which included a pregame ceremony celebrating the 68th anniversary of Jackie Robinson's major league debut.

Nationals 10, Red Sox 5

In Boston, Wilson Ramos hit a three-run double and Ian Desmond slammed a solo homer during a six-run third inning as Washington avoided a three-game sweep.

Tyler Moore had a two-run homer that backed Gio Gonzalez (1-1), who gave up five runs—four earned—and six hits in six innings. Nationals right-hander Rafael Martin pitched two scoreless innings in his major league debut, striking out his last five batters.

Marlins 6, Braves 2

In Atlantic City, Dan Haren (1-0) gave up three hits in seven innings, and Adeiny Hechavarria went 3 for 3 with a homer and three RBIs as Miami won consecutive games for the first time this season.

Atlanta's Eric Stults (0-1) gave up four runs and five hits in five innings.

Cardinals 4, Brewers 2

In St. Louis, Lance Lynn extended his April success with five solid innings and Matt Holliday had a two-run single in the first inning, lifting the Cardinals to a win over the Brewers.

Lynn (1-1) allowed one run and six hits. He pushed his April record to 13-2

since 2012, the best record in the majors over that period.

Indians 4, White Sox 2

In Cleveland, Trevor Bauer (2-0) won consecutive starts for the first time in his three-plus seasons in the major leagues, helping Cleveland stop a four-game losing streak.

Making his 36th big league start, Bauer (2-0) gave up two runs, four hits and four walks in six innings with eight strikeouts. Cody Allen struck out Jose Abreu with two on and two outs in the ninth for his second save.

Orioles 7, Yankees 5

In Baltimore, Jonathan Schoop homered to spark a five-run sixth inning and Chris Davis had three RBIs as the Orioles defeated the Yankees.

Manny Machado hit his first home run of the season and Caleb Joseph went 3 for 4 with an RBI for the Orioles, who took two of three from New York.

Alex Rodriguez homered for the Yankees, his second following a year-long drug suspension.

Blue Jays 12, Rays 7

In Toronto, Jose Bautista and rookies Devon Travis and Dalton Pompey homered to back Mark Buehrle, Kevin Pillar made a leaping catch at the left-field wall to deny a home run as the Blue Jays beat Tampa Bay to stop the Rays' four-game winning streak.

Bautista hit a two-run homer in the first off Erasmo Ramirez (0-2), sparking the Blue Jays to what would be an 9-0 lead after four innings. Donaldson hit a two-run single in a three-run second after narrowly missing a grand slam down the left-field line.

Astros 6, Athletics 1

In Houston, Collin McHugh struck out 11, and Jed Lowrie hit one of the Astros' three homers in a win over the Athletics.

Luis Valbuena and Evan Gattis also homered for the Astros, who matched their season high in scoring.

McHugh (2-0) allowed six hits and one run in 5 2-3 innings. McHugh is the only Astros starter to earn a win since Dallas Keuchel's opening-day victory.

Padres 3, Diamondbacks 2

In San Diego, Justin Upton homered with two outs in the eighth inning to give the Padres a victory over the Diamondbacks.

Upton, one of several star players obtained in an offseason roster revamp, hit the first pitch he saw from Randall Delgado (0-1) into the seats in left. It was his third.

Craig Kimbrel pitched the ninth for his third save since joining the Padres the day before the season opener.

Cubs 5, Reds 0

In Chicago, Travis Wood pitched three-hit ball into the eighth inning and Anthony Rizzo hit his first home run of the season, leading the Cubs over the Reds.

Wood (1-1) walked two and struck out seven. It was a nice bounce-back from his first start of the season in Colorado where he yielded three runs and seven hits.

Cincinnati starter Jason Marquis (0-1) was in trouble from the outset, allowing five runs—four earned—on seven hits in four innings.

Mets 6, Phillies 1

In New York, Travis d'Arnaud homered after assuming David Wright's

spot in the lineup, and Lucas Duda also went deep as the Mets defeated the Phillies for a three-game sweep in their first home series this season.

Jonathon Niese pitched out of trouble for 6 1-3 innings and helped himself with a run-scoring single. Duda hit a long homer and an RBI double as the Mets won their fourth straight, a few hours after putting their captain on the 15-day disabled list with a strained right hamstring.

Duda hit the first pitch in the fifth from Jerome Williams (0-1) over the original wall in right-center at Citi Field that is 415 feet from home plate. Juan Lagares had an RBI single, and the Mets got another run on a throwing error by third baseman Cody Asche.

Rockies 4, Giants 2

In San Francisco, the catch of his career one night, a three-run homer the next for Nolan Arenado, who put Colorado on the board in the first inning and saw it hold up as the first-place Rockies completed a sweep of the Giants.

Tyler Matzek (1-0) outpitched two-time NL Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum (0-1), retiring 12 of 13 batters during one stretch. The NL West-leading Rockies extended the best road start in franchise history to 6-0 while sending the reigning World Series champions to a sixth straight defeat.

Matt Duffy hit his first career home run with a solo drive in the eighth off Boone Logan for the Giants. Angel Pagan added an RBI single in the first.

Matzek allowed five hits and one run in six innings, struck out two and walked one.

Lincecum gave up Arenado's two-out home run in the first.

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Splits for Schorr, Miyawaki in Queensland

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ITF Juniors
The CNMI's Robbie Schorr and Malika Miyawaki split their first two games in the 2015 Brisbane Age in Queensland, Australia yesterday.

Schorr played in the qualifying tournament for the boys U14 singles event and swept Amir Abar, 6-1, 6-2. It took him only one hour and 10 minutes to eliminate Abar in their morning match at the Griffith University Tennis Centre.

The Commonwealth junior



OCEANIA TENNIS
The CNMI's Robbie Schorr, left, and Malika Miyawaki, right, pose with other members of the ITF Grand Slam Development Fund Team during a break in their training session in Australia.

netter then returned to the court in less than two hours to face the fifth-ranked Jake Nicholson in the second round. Schorr picked up where he left off, taking out a 7-6 (7) win over Nicholson, but the latter stole the win after prevailing in the next two sets, 6-0, 10-4.

With the loss, Schorr dropped to the loser's bracket and will square off against Anthony Tenaglia at 10am today. He is also scheduled to play in the

main draw in the doubles category this afternoon. The CNMI bet will team up with Patrick Kropp and they will challenge Luke Jones and Matthew Willians in the 4pm match.

In the girls U14 doubles, Miyawaki partnered with Tahiti's Naia Guitton and they lost to Elodie Foster and Mikayla Zahirowic in the main draw, 1-6, 2-6. Miyawaki and Guitton then recovered on the same day by beating Felicity Taiai and Hannah Townson in the consolation draw, 4-1, 4-1.

Miyawaki and Guitton will be playing in the loser's bracket semifinals against Julianne Garcia and Georgia Townsend.

22 schools to join All Schools championship

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Twenty-two schools—spread out in the elementary, middle and junior high, and high school—will be participating in the qualifying round of the 12th Annual Public School System/McDonald's All Schools Athletic Championship set next week.

A coaches meeting will be held at 4pm today at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium conference room to further discuss the details of the qualifying meet, which will be alternately held at the Oleai Sports Complex and Hopwood Junior High School grounds.

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Fifteen elementary schools signed up, nine will be competing in the middle and junior high divisions, while eight joined in the high school category.

Agape Christian School and Saipan International School have entered all three, while Saipan Community School has no high school and is entered in the elementary and middle and junior high levels. Whispering Palms will be contending for the elementary, and middle and junior high honors.

Dandan, Gregorio T. Camacho, William S. Reyes, Oleai, Kagman, San Antonio, Brilliant Star, Koblerville, San Vicente, Tanapag, and Garapan are the

competing elementary schools.

Hopwood, Chacha, Tinian, Marianas Baptist Academy, and Mt. Carmel School will be joining SCS, SIS, and ACS in the middle school and junior high school division.

Marianas, Kagman, Saipan Southern, and Tinian are the other high schools that will go up against SIS, MBA, ACS and Mt. Carmel.

The qualifier starts on Monday, April 20, from 4pm to 6:30pm in the elementary division with students from SCS, Dandan, GTC, WSR, ACS, Whispering Palms, and Oleai competing in the 60-meter and

100m runs, long jump, and softball throw at the Oleai Sports Complex.

Action shifts to Hopwood in the same division the next day, April 21, with Kagman, San Antonio, Brilliant Star, Koblerville, SIS, San Vicente, Tanapag, and Garapan contending for qualifying spots in the 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1,500m running events.

The elementary schools of Kagman, San Antonio, Brilliant Star, Koblerville, SIS, San Vicente, Tanapag, and Garapan return to Oleai on April 22 for the qualifying round in the 60-meter and 100m runs, long jump, and

and softball throw.

The final day for elementary school—12-and-under—qualifiers is on April 23 SCS, Dandan, GTC, WSR, ACS, Whispering Palms, and Oleai vying for spots in the 200m, 400m, 800m, and

1,500m running events.

April 27 (Oleai Sports Complex) and 28 (Hopwood) are reserved for the Under-18 students—Middle School, Junior High, and High School—with the 60m, 100m, shotput, discuss and javelin throw, and long jump set on the first day, while the 200m, 400m, 800m, and 1,500m running events the following day.

All schools automatically qualify in the relay events with the finals set on May 14 (Oleai), 15, and 16 (Hopwood).

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Sonics, however, continued to play good defense and were rewarded with their efforts, as De Guzman anticipated Irvyn Malonzo's crossover move and went all the way for an and-1 play. De Guzman muffed the bonus shot, while Dixon Kwon made a quick 2-point shot to move Blue Haus within 6, 71-77, time down to the last 20.1 seconds of the match.

The score remained unchanged as the Sonics ran down the time, while Blue Haus was undecided whether to give up a foul or not to stop the clock.

Rabasto and Aranda top-scored for the Sonics with 16 points, while Erick Dela Rosa and De Guzman chipped in 14

and 10, respectively.

Borja paced Blue Haus with his 20 markers, while John Ray Grilles contributed 14, but was scoreless in the fourth quarter as he spent most of the final frame at the bench. Gilles knocked in three triples and scored 11 markers in the third as he stepped in for the injured Prince Factor and helped Blue Haus recover from a double-digit deficit and take a shaky 56-54 advantage, heading into the fourth quarter. Factor left the game late in the second quarter after scoring 8 points as he sprained his left hand.

Meanwhile, Auto Motion bounced back from its debut loss to Blue Haus after defeating

Graphics/Star 6, 76-64, in the Masters division.

Auto Motion held Graphics/Star 6 to a mere 6 points in the fourth frame en route to the 12-point winning margin.

Before collapsing, Graphics/Star 6 was pretty much in the game, facing only an 8-point deficit at the end of the third, 48-56. Graphics/Star 6 was limited to two field goals in the fourth with Dindo Pablo making a short jumper and two free throws, while Boy Garcia scored the other basket.

Auto Motion canned three triples in the final period with Marlon Sison hitting two and Resty Joson notching the other one and also firing 7 of the team's last 9 markers. Four other Auto Motion players lit up the board in the fourth quarter.

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strikeout when he fanned Ned Norita.

Sablan threw for 4.1 innings, three in shut-out fashion, allowing one unearned run on three hits with one strikeout and two walks. He had quick 1-2-3 innings from the first to the third where he almost prevented the Falcons to get on base.

Jeremy Atalig was the lone Falcon to get on base in the third when he had a leadoff walk in the second. He was, however, tagged out on a 2-3 putout play for the first out.

Sablan struck out Frankie

Lieto then forced Goro Iskawa to fly out to end the inning.

The Brew Crew also found their swing back after being held to .156 (5-for-32) by the Falcons pitching duo of Peter Lieto and A.J. Lizama in a 5-2 loss last week.

The Brewers, this time, batted .384 with Manny Sablan going 3-for-5 with RBI singles in the first and seventh innings, while Jesse Brel went 3-for-4 and drove in two runs.

The Mark Flores-managed squad enjoyed an 8-1 lead after 8 1/2 innings with the Brewers scoring thrice in the third behind Roy Celis' two-RBI single. Celis scored twice in the game.

Byron Kaipat, Pat Alepu, and Marvin Kaipat batted 2-for-4 each with the former also scoring two runs, had two doubles, and an RBI. Alepu had an RBI while Marvin Kaipat had two runs, an RBI and a double.

The Falcons used four pitchers in the game with Aaron Benavente throwing for five innings surrendering six runs, four earned, on seven hits with one strikeout and one walk.

Juan Iguel tossed two innings in relief, giving up one earned run on four hits and fanning one with no walks. Lamarc Iguel and Goro Iskawa alternately pitched in the eighth and ninth allowing a combined two earned runs on four hits.

gold last year in Pohnpei when she clocked 26.29 seconds to shatter the 26.41 record of former Team CNMI sprinter Yvonne Bennett in the Palau edition of the quadrennial event in 2010.

Ngirchongor is competing in the 200m and 400m runs, and 400m hurdles, while Sapong, who won silver in Pohnpei, will be joining Abrams in the 100m and 200m runs. Ngirchongor won the 400m run and 400m hurdles

gold in the Micro Games.

Ada will try his luck in all throwing events—discus, javelin, and shotput—while Castillo will race in the 100m and 200m runs, and will also compete in long jump. Miller is entered in the field events of high jump and long jump.

Abrams, Ngirchongor, and Sapong are hoping their Micro Games stint would spill over to this year's Oceania championship. They have training since December while Ada, Castillo, and Miller have been working out since February this year.

The semis match is set for 6pm or before Miyawaki debuts in the girls U14 singles division against Zoe Raby.

Miyawaki and Schorr are competing in Australia as members of the ITF/Grand Slam Development Fund Team (Pacific Oceania). They are joined by Tahiti's Guitton, Vaitea Molinar, Vanuatu's Clement Mainguy, Stefan Staermose, and Rosalie Molbale, Oceania's Lenny and Romain Fekkar-Soris, and Western Samoa's Eleanor Schuster.

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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Toronto	49	33	.598	—
x-Boston	40	42	.488	9
x-Brooklyn	38	44	.463	11
Philadelphia	18	64	.220	31
New York	17	65	.207	32

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Atlanta	60	22	.732	—
x-Washington	46	36	.561	14
Miami	37	45	.451	23
Charlotte	33	49	.402	27
Orlando	25	57	.305	35

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Cleveland	53	29	.646	—
x-Chicago	50	32	.610	3
x-Milwaukee	41	41	.500	12
Indiana	38	44	.463	15
Detroit	32	50	.390	21

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Houston	56	26	.683	—
x-Memphis	55	27	.671	1
x-San Antonio	55	27	.671	1
x-Dallas	50	32	.610	6
x-New Orleans	45	37	.549	11

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB

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World Resort stuns 2nd-running Kanoa, 2-0

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World Resort pulled off an upset over the second-running Kanoa Football Club, 2-0, in the lone game in the M-League last Wednesday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Daniel Agulto knocked in the pair of goals for World Resort, which got only its second win in nine games. Agulto hit his first goal in the 12th minute and the second in the 59th. Kanoa had no answer to Agulto, dropping to a 5-1-3 record and muffing a chance to bump off idle Matansa (5-2-1) from the top spot.

Matansa earlier last Sunday failed to gain a sizeable lead in Division 2, but retained the No. 1 spot after forcing a draw against the Thundercats.

Tej Gurung tied the match for Matansa with his shot in the 28th minute. The Thundercats, on the other hand, drew its lone goal from Don Cabrera, who

scored in the 14th minute. The Thundercats are in the middle of the team standings, occupying the fourth spot in the seven-squad field with their 3-3-3 record.

In the other Division 2 tiff last Sunday, Shirley's FC downed Sun Palace, 3-1.

Three different players scored for Shirley's FC with Jack Phan breaking the ice in the 13th minute and Muneaki Arai and Kōsuke Sato lighting up the board in the second half. Arai logged his goal in the 60th, while Sato recorded his 25 minutes later.

Jun Sik Kim gave Sun Palace its lone goal in the match, scoring in the 76th.

Shirley's moved up to third place with its 4-3-3 record, while Sun Palace fell to fifth with its 3-3-3 mark.

In the first Division 1 match last weekend, Tan Holdings beat MP United, 2-0.

Sean Perez and Martin Jam-

bor teamed up in powering Tan Holdings past MP United with the former scoring in the 33rd and the latter three minutes into the second half.

With the victory, Tan Holdings kept the division lead, as it now has a 7-0-1 record, one win ahead of the second-running Wild Bill's (6-0-2).

Wild Bill's also won its game last Sunday after topping Inter Godfather's, 8-4.

Tanapon Unsua was at the forefront of Wild Bill's victory, making six goals in consecutive fashion. Thanyakorn Konkoed and Jeeraphong Thoensaket posted the two other goals for Wild Bill's with the former starting things out for his team before Unsua began his streak.

Unsa's string of goals came early as he nailed his first in the fourth minute. The second was logged in the fifth, while his four others were posted in the 25th, 52nd, 63rd, and

67th. Thoensaket closed out for Wild Bill's with his goal in three minutes before the match wrapped up.

Inter Godfather's, on the other hand, scored two goals apiece in the first and second half. Bruce Berline and Peter Loken hit the board in the 16th and 30th minute, respectively, while Ryu Tanzawa (68th) and Arkie Reusora (75th) bagged the last two goals.

Inter Godfather's absorbed its fourth loss in four games to stay at the No. 4 spot in the team standing ahead of idle Paire (2-0-5) and Korean Football Association on Saipan (0-0-7).

ROSELYN B. MONROYO
World Resort's Mason Fruin uses his body to receive the ball off a throw-in during the second half of their Division 1 game against Kanoa Football Club in the M-League last Wednesday night at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



Sallys tow Matansa past Paire

Golden Boot race leader Angelica Sally and cousin Lyka lifted Matansa to a 3-1 win over Paire in the girls U15 division game in the 2015 NMIFA Youth Spring League last Saturday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.

Angelica, whose goal total so far has reached 18 for a seven-goal lead against her closest pursuer, drilled the pair of goals in the 20th and 27th minute to give Matansa a 2-0 halftime lead. Lyka made it a 3-0 advantage with her goal four minutes into the second half, while Guineverre Borja averted a shutout after putting Paire on the board in the 68th minute.

With the victory, Matansa grabbed the top spot in the team standings from Shirley's FC. Actually, the two teams hold similar 6-2-0 win-draw-loss record, but Matansa won the tiebreak as it had more goals scored than Shirley's, 26-23.

Shirley's 3, MP United 1

Shirley's bagged its sixth win at the expense of MP United.

Mia Carreon tallied two goals for Shirley's, while De Jana Muna knocked in the other one. Gillian Villagomez scored the lone goal for MP United, which fell to fifth place in the team standings with its 2-0-6 record.

Muna posted the first goal in the match in the 10th minute, while Carreon recorded her back-to-back in the 22nd and 50th. Villagomez ended MP United's silence in the 67th minute.

Tan Holdings 1, Kanoa 1

The third girls U15 division game last weekend ended in



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
Matansa Football Club's Angelica Sally, left, runs after the ball during an earlier game against Kanoa FC in the girls U15 division of the NMIFA youth league at the Hopwood Junior High School Field.

a draw.

Princess Alcantara made the equalizer for Kanoa, as she found the back of the net in the 26th minute. Two minutes earlier, Mary Kay Alferos gave Tan Holdings the temporary lead.

With the draw, Tan Holdings remained at the No. 4 spot in the team standings with its 2-1-5 slate, while Kanoa is still at the cellar with its 1-1-6 record.

CO-ED U12

Tan Holdings 3, Paire 2

Tan Holdings gained enough cushion in the first half to nip

Paire.

The winning squad earned two goals in the first 40 minutes of the play off Taka Borja and Luis Claridades shots in the fifth and seventh minute, respectively. Tan Holdings' lead was then sliced to one early in the second half as Kaden Church put Paire on the board in the 43rd.

With his team threatened,

Borja hit the insurance goal five minutes later, while Church nailed another goal in the 51st to keep Paire afloat. However, Tan Holdings stood its ground in the remaining minutes to foil Paire's comeback bid.

Tan Holdings got only its second win in seven games.

MP United 2, Kanoa 2

In the other co-ed U12 match,

Kanoa held its own against the division leader MP United.

Brian Lubao scored the game-tying goal for Kanoa in the 55th minute, while Ian Karl Maniago registered the other one. Kanoa kept the second spot in the team standings with its 2-4-1 record.

Rintaro Miyawaki nailed both goals for MP United, which was stuck to five wins in six games after settling for the draw.

AsPac golf fundraiser set in May

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The Asia-Pacific-Middle East Regional Tournament organizing committee has set May 16 for the CNMI Little League Baseball Federation fundraising golf tournament to be held at the Mariana Country Club.

The golf tournament is a fundraiser to augment the cost of Saipan's hosting of the Junior, Senior, and Big League regional

tournaments that will be held from June 26 to July 5.

The show time for the single Peoria tournament is at 6am and shotgun starts at 7am. The registration fee is \$100 with trophies and other prizes to be given away in the banquet after the tournament.

The organizers chose the single Peoria format since they already have software to compute the final scores once the golfers

turn in their scorecards.

Former Saipan Micronesian Games Organizing Committee chair Rex Palacios is helping organize the golf tournament.

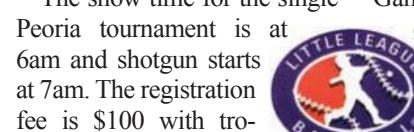
The committee is also accepting sponsorship from various businesses and companies where they can put up their banners during the event.

The committee is also looking for volunteers to help them run the golf event.

The committee is in the process of printing the tickets and will start selling them this month. The number of participants is limited only to 144.

Organizers renewed their call to all local golf club presidents and members to join and support their fundraising event.

The Legislature has already appropriated \$50,000 for the Commonwealth's hosting of the regional tournament, while additional funds would come from the fees that would be collected from all participating teams.





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GSM Brewers bullpen help tie finals

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The team with the better bullpen could end up lifting the 2015 Saipan Baseball League trophy with the best-of-five championship series turning out to be a pitching duel.

 GSM Brewers pitchers Lenny Sablan and Lancaster Secharmidal held the Falcons to a combined .152 (5-for-33) batting average to power the defending champions to a 9-3 Game 2 win in the title series last Wednesday night at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Secharmidal tossed 4.2 innings in relief, surrendering one unearned run on two hits, retiring eight, and walking one, while forcing the Falcons' batters to just hit fly balls, grounders, and line drives to finish off

what Sablan started. The lefty Secharmidal, who came in when Lamarc Iguel was about to bat in the bottom of the fifth with one out and the bases loaded, got out of the jam with consecutive strikeouts to Lamarc Iguel and Juan Iguel.

After the Falcons scored twice in the bottom of the eighth inning, Secharmidal forced lead off batter L.J. Norita to fly out to centerfielder Tyron Omar in the ninth.

Henry Iguel grounded out to first baseman Byron Kaipat and Secharmidal had a game-ending

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Brew Crew stymie Falcons in Game 2, 9-3



JON PEREZ
Falcons' first baseman Alex Benavente, right, tries to keep a close watch on the GSM Brewers' Pat Alepuyo hoping to tag him out in Game 2 of their best-of-three championship series in the 2015 Saipan Baseball league last Wednesday night at the Francisco M. Palacios Baseball Field.

Micro Games vets to lead Team CNMI in Cairns

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Micronesian Games veterans Rachel Abrams, Beo Ngirchongor, and Zarinae Sapong will lead Team CNMI's campaign in the 2015 Oceania Area Championships next month in Cairns, Australia.

Marianas High School students Donavin Ada, Jeron Castillo, and Ivan Miller will be

joining the three in the May 8 to 10 event set in Barlow Park.

The seven-member Team CNMI delegation, along with coach Ronald Olopai, will leave Saipan on May 5.

Northern Marianas Athletics official and longtime athletics coach Elias Rangamar was supposed to join the trip, but pulled out to help organize next week's 12th Annual Public School Sys-

tem/McDonald's All Schools Athletic Championship.

Abrams, who bagged three gold medals in last year's Micro Games, is entered in her favorite events in the 100-meter dash and 200m run where she hopes to duplicate her record-breaking win.

Abrams won the 200m run

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KURT BARNES

Beo Ngirchongor, left, seen here sprinting after getting the baton from Orrin Pharmin during the 4x100m relay event in the 8th Micronesian Games in Pohnpei last year, is heading to Australia next month to compete in the 2015 Oceania Area Championships.

Sonics zoom to third straight win

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 The Sonics moved one win away from sweeping the regular season after thwarting Blue Haus, 77-71, in the U20 division game in the 2015 United Filipino Organization Basketball League last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Sonics played steadier in the closing minutes to notch their third victory in as many games and strengthen their hold to the top spot in the five-team field, while Blue Haus dropped to a 0-2 record.

Down by 3 entering the final three minutes of the game, 64-67, the Jesse Tudela-coached Sonics drew big baskets from Jack Aranda, Sean Rabasto, Mii Tekopua, and Jaymark De Guzman and made several defensive stops to foil Blue Haus' upset bid.

Aranda's triple tied the match and after Blue Haus faltered on its offensive sets



ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Sonics' Erick Dela Rosa, center, goes up for a layup against Blue Haus' Aaron Pamintuan, left, and Iggy Borja during the third quarter of their U20 division game in the UFO caging last Wednesday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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